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1. In our view, POLADS low-key discussions of Nigerian situation have resulted in useful exchange of information among Alliance members, without causing problems in other contexts.
2. We have been actively seeking to improve and expand NATO political consultations, including consultations on important developing or crisis situations outside the Treaty area.
3. In this instance, however, we are prepared follow British lead if in fact British convinced it advisable defer further discussion Nigerian situation in POLADS.

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1. Following is text, unnecessary words omitted, of aide-memoire handed Ambassador Martins by Assistant Secretary Palmer August 31 in reply to Nigerian aide-memoire of August 23.

BEGIN TEXT: "Dept has taken note of points ~~xxxx~~ raised in Nigerian Embassy's aide-memoire of Aug 23, 1967, concerning statement made by spokesman of Dept of August 21, and would like make following observations.

Dept's statement of Aug 21 constituted reiteration of consistent policy on arms supply which US has followed from beginning of internal dispute in Nigeria and explained reasons therefor; release neither stated nor implied any change in that position.

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USG has made every effort to apply its arms policy toward conflict in Nigeria with maximum effectiveness. It has not authorized, permitted nor otherwise been involved in export or transport of any arms over which it has control to any section of Nigeria. In fact, it has taken every feasible step at its command in efforts to prevent this.

It is matter of deep regret to USG that some US-origin weapons over which USG has no control have been acquired in third countries through international arms market and have found their way into conflict. Where such instances have come to attention of USG and where basis for legal or diplomatic action has existed, USG has made every effort to take timely preventive action.

Dept hopes that above information will rectify any misunderstanding that has arisen with respect to US policy towards Nigeria. USG, consonant with its consistent policy of recognition of FMG, also wishes take this opportunity to reiterate importance which it attaches to maintenance of traditionally friendly relations that have existed between Nigeria and US. END TEXT.

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1. Nigerian Ambassador Martins called on Assistant Secretary Palmer August 30 at own request. Martins began conversation by citing press report he had just seen to effect that should Zik become head of state of Biafra, USG would probably recognize Biafra. Palmer responded with categorical assurances there no basis for story and that USG had no intention of recognizing Biafra.
2. Martins welcomed Palmer's statement but said he and FMG had been increasingly disturbed recently at spate of stories concerning USG involvement with rebels, citing specifically "Private Eye" article published in UK. Palmer reiterated that USG continues recognize FMG as only sovereign, legal GON, that there had been no change in our policy, and no change anticipated.
3. Martins said FMG respects USG stand of "absolute neutrality" in Nigerian conflict. FMG troubled, however, by ease with which rebels have obtained US military equipment. As example, Martins cited info just received by FMG that (a) rebels have purchased six American F-104 Starfighters in West Germany for

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American dollars; (b) rebels have made other deposits in US dollars for further arms purchases in Germany; and (c) 60 American mercenaries are on their way to join rebels. Martins stated these reports causing concern and hoped USG would see such rebel activities as "defeating its declared neutrality in Nigerian crisis." (At end conversation, Martins produced brief aide-memoire incorporating contents this para.)

4. Palmer emphasized USG has neither authorized nor acquiesced in any sale of military equipment whatever to rebels. He explained USG inability to control everything of US origin and that it possible such weapons can reach Nigeria through third countries. However, where there has been reason to believe such equipment might be en route to Enugu, USG has used all available legal and diplomatic means to prevent such shipments.

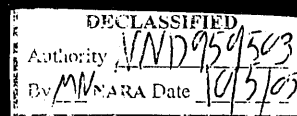
5. Re F-104's, Palmer said we have no present info to substantiate, find story hard to believe, but are checking on urgent basis. Re reported US Mercs, we unable produce shred of evidence to support allegation and believe it probably garbled version of fact that number of Mobil Oil employees now on Fernando Po as result shift firm's headquarters to that island. He added that Gowon had raised same matter with Ambassador Mathews and had received essentially the same answer.

6. Palmer indicated appreciation that FMG had raised such rumors with us to give us opportunity comment and verify and hoped we could prevent similar misunderstanding by intensifying such exchanges. It very important that FMG understand in this connection that within limits our laws, USG doing everything it can to apply arms policy with which FMG already familiar. USG also concerned that some US-origin weapons have found their way into conflict_{and} we doing our best to prevent it. Same applies to extent possible with Amcits who attempt involve themselves in Nigerian dispute. Martins agreed it

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inevitable some foreigners will try to do so and said FMG appreciated our efforts.

He had received several letters from Amcits offering their services to FMG which he ignored. Palmer informed Martins we would give him more information re US efforts along above lines when we responded next day or two to Nigerian aide-memoire of August 23.

7. Palmer then raised additional problem which ^{causing} ~~causing~~ USG deep concern. This was violent anti-US press and radio campaign in Nigeria which seemed to be intensifying. He hoped campaign would not result in threats to safety of Amcits and read portions FBIS 16 August 29 to illustrate point. Palmer characterized charge of CIA support of Ojukwu as ridiculous. Re rebels' possession of US dollars, he said USG unable control international money market in which dollars readily available. Martins suggested need for "give and take" in press treatment in both US and Nigeria and added he had read worse charges against CIA in American papers. Palmer again emphasized that however ridiculous charges may be, many Nigerians believed them and that they whipping up dangerous popular sentiment against Amcits.

8. Martins gave "assurances" there would be no violence against Americans, stressing that Nigerian press often is even more vitriolic against other Nigerians. He hoped USG would pay no more attention to current press campaign than he had to continuing reports he received of US involvement in Nigeria. He hoped, however, USG ~~xxx~~ could do something "positive" to reassure Nigerian public. A strong and frank ~~xxxxxxxx~~ statement would do much to reassure FMG as well. When US provision three planes to Congo cited as example of positive support for Central Government, Palmer drew sharp distinction between Congo and Nigeria, stressing (a) long history of UN involvement in Congo and support of other countries; and (b) present Congo trouble not indigenous struggle but one involving outside forces.

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9. Martins agreed that since he would soon be receiving ~~E~~ Department's response to Embassy's aide-memoire of August 23, and in light of Palmer's oral explanation, he saw no need for written response to latest aide-memoire.

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Following is text of Department spokesman noon briefing, August 31:

Q: Do you have anything on the Biafran delegation visiting here, and hoping to see someone in the State Dept?

A: Yes. We have heard that some group is coming here, and, as you know, the US does not ~~xxxx~~ recognize the existence of Biafra. And there are no plans for any representation of this regime to be received at the Dept.

Q: Does this mean that one of them -- I understand it's headed by the Chief ~~Justice~~ Justice of Biafra, who will knock on the door of the State Dept, and be told, QTE GO AWAY UNQTE?

A: I have said that we don't plan to receive him in the Dept.

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1. CONSUL STRONG FROM IRADAN AND I CALLED ON AWOLWO LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON. MAIN PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO INTRODUCE STRONG AND TO ESTABLISH BASIS FOR USEFUL CONTACTS WHEN AWO IN IRADAN.
2. AWO CONFIRMED PREVIOUS INDICATIONS FROM ENAHORO AND GOWON (REFTEL) THAT MEDIA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO STOP EXTREME ANTI-AMERICANISM. AWO

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SAID ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN AUGUST 28 OR 29. AND HE SURPRISED THAT SOME PAPERS HAD CONTINUED PRINT OBJECTIONABLE MATTER ON AUGUST 30. I MENTIONED

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DEPLORABLE STORY ON NIGERIA IN SEPT 1 TIME AND EXPRESSED HOPE THIS WOULD NOT SET OFF NEW ROUND OF NIGERIAN INVECTIVE. AWO SAID HE HIMSELF DISCOUNTED TIME BUT MANY NIGERIANS WOULD BE EXCITED BY SEPT 1 STORY.

3. I COMMENTED THAT NIGERIAN CRITICS OF US WERE MAKING MUCH OF ALLEGED EASTERN USE OF DOLLARS TO ACQUIRE ARMS. SINCE DOLLAR PRINCIPAL INTERNATIONAL CURRENCY THIS PROBABLY TRUE AND NOT SURPRISING. AWO AGREED AND SAID SUCH ALL INFORMED CHARGES REFLECTED LOW LEVEL KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE OF NIGERIAN JOURNALISTS.

4. AWO SAID HE DISTURBED TO LEARN THAT MILITARY GOVERNOR WESTERN STATE HAD INFORMED GOWON THAT ANTI-IBO FEELING BECOMING SO STRONG THAT IBOS MUST BE REMOVED FROM STATE. AWO SAID HE HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT ANTI-IBO FEELING HE ENCOUNTERED WHILE

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VISITING IBADAN LAST WEEKEND (AUGUST 26 AND 27): EVIDENTLY RESENTMENT HAD BECOME EVEN MORE PRONOUNCED IN PAST TWO DAYS. STRONG AND I EXPRESSED DISMAY AT CONSEQUENCES ANY ATTEMPT TO REMOVE IBOS FROM WEST. AWO SAID HE FULLY AGREED AND WOULD SEE WHAT HE COULD DO TO REMEDY SITUATION WHEN HE WENT TO IBADAN NEXT WEEKEND (SEPTEMBER 2 AND 3).

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 137

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1. IJEH, SECY (WEST) ULC, AND ORDIAH, (ABSOLUTE PROTECTION
BOTH SOURCES REQUIRED) SECY UCH WORKERS UNION, SPOKE AT LENGTH
WITH CONSULATE OFFICER ON AUGUST 30. PURPOSE OF VISIT WAS TO
ARRANGE FOR AMERICAN LABOR DAY CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 4. IN
SPITE OF ULC PRESIDENT ADEBOLA'S LETTER (LAGOS 1922, 1923),
IJEH READILY AGREED TO SMALL GET-TOGETHER OF TOP ULC OFFICIALS
IN WEST. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, IN VIEW CURRENT SITUATION

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THAT IT INADVISABLE HAVE ANY FORMAL TOASTS OR SPEECHES AS HE
RECALLED THAT LAST YEAR ULC PRESIDENT (WEST) JAMES USED OCCA.

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1. UNDER PEN NAME OF A. AFRIKA, AYO EUJUMI, SOMETIME EDITOR
OF AG LEADING "NIGERIAN TRIBUNE" (IBADAN 137) IN AUGUST 31
EDITION "TRIBUNE" HAD ARTICLE ENTITLED "LET'S WARD OFF THIS
COLD WAR" (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED).

2. EUJUMI STATES MAIN CONCERN IS BAHOW NOT TO INTERNATIONALISE
THIS WAR. WE MUST TARRY A BIT TO FIND OU WHETHER WE NO

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PLAYING OURSELVES INTO HANDS THOSE WHO EXPERTS IN ART INTER-
NATIONAL COLD WAR...NIGERIA AND NIGERIANS WILL BE LOSERS IF WE
ALLOW OUR SOIL BECOME THEATRE FOR DISPLAY OF CONFLICTING FOREIGN
IDIOSYNCRACIES AND IDEOLOGIES." HE SUGGESTS FOLLOWING PLAN OF
ACTION: 1) "START MASSIVE CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT AND DEFEND OUR
FOREIGN POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT...2) OUR JOURNALISTS, RADIO
COMMENTATORS, TRADE UNION SPOKESMAN AND ALL MUST WEIGH THEIR
LANGUAGE WHEN ATTACKING THIS OR THAT POWER...3) THERE ARE
CERTAIN NEWSPAPERS IN OVERZEALOUSNESS TO COMMERCIALISE CRISIS
ARE DOING IRREPARABLE DAMAGE TO THIS COUNTRY." HE CONTINUES:
"BY NOW, WE WOULD ASK OURSELVES WHY WE LOSING OUR SO-CALLED
TRADITIONAL FRIENDS IN EUROPE AND EVEN AFRICA...BY TACTLESSNESS
OF THESE OVER-ZEALOUS NEWSPAPER EDITORS, RADIO AND TELEVISION
COMMENTATORS WE ARE FOOLISHLY BUT SURELY WINNING SYMPATHY AND
SUPPORT FOR MAN WE RIGHTLY PROCLAIM A REBEL...WE MUST NOT ALLOW
IMPRESSION THAT IBOS, AS A PEOPLE, ARE BEING PERSECUTED IN
NIGERIA AND THEY ARE UNWANTED...BUT UNFORTUNATELY THOSE WHO

LIKE MAKE HONEST SUGGESTIONS ARE HESITANT FOR FEAR BEING
DUBBED FENCE SITTERS AND ALL SORTS OF NAMES AS IF ACCUSERS ARE

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MORE NIGERIAN THAN MOST OF US." EJUWUMI CONCLUDES: "FINALLY,
WE MUST RID OURSELVES OF PERSONAL PRIDE. WE MUST STOP TO THINK -
AND THINK FAST TOO. IF WE DO NOT WANT THIS ESCALATING WAR
INTERNATIONALISED MAYBE WE CAN ALLOW GENUINE AFRICAN LEADERS
WITHIN CONTEXT OF OAU TO INTERVENE IF THEY SHOW ANY MOVE IN
THIS DIRECTION. IF WE DISALLOW AFRICAN LEADERS TO INTERVENE
RIGHT NOW, INSISTING OUR CRISIS IS DOMESTIC, INTERNATIONAL
INTERLOPERS, TO OUR CHAGRIN, MAY INTERVENE IRRESPECTIVE OF
WHETHER WE LIKE SUCH INTERVENTION OR NOT. THEY COULD USE
COVERT AND OVERT ACTS TO IMPORT A GLOBAL WAR TO NIGERIA.
WE MUST NOT ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN. LET'S WARD OFF THIS COLD WAR."

2. COMMENT: BY WAY OF BACKGROUND, EJUWUMI WENT INTO HIDING ABOUT
LAST JUNE 1 WHEN SOLDIERS SOUGHT QUESTION HIM. RETURNED
"TRIBUNE" ABOUT JULY 10 BUT NOT USED FORMER
"NOM DE PLUME" OF "PEN ATALANTA" OR HAD NAME IN CREDITS SINCE JUNE
IN VIEW PRESENT SEEMINGLY PREVAILING ANTI-AMERICAN AND PRO-

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RUSSIAN ATTITUDES NOW POPULAR IN NIGERIAN PRESS. HE DISPLAYED
COURAGE IN WRITING TODAY'S ARTICLE. BECAUSE OF POLITICAL NATURE OF
ARTICLE AND POSSIBILITY UNFAVORABLE FMG REACTION, HE MAY BE
COMPELLED GO IN HIDING AGAIN OR PERHAPS FACE DETENTION. THIS

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APPARANTLY FIRST ARTICLE NIGERIAN PRESS WHICH BY IMPLICATION
AT LEAST SEEMS SUPPORT U. S. POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION
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1) UNDER HEADLINE, "BIAFRA'S INDEPENDENCE -- NOT NEGOTIABLE,"
FREETOWN NEWSPAPER "UNITY" RAN FULL PAGE ARTICLE ON AUGUST 30
JUSTIFYING EAST'S BREAK WITH FMG ON GROUNDS OF PAST POGRON
AGAINST IBOS. SUBSTANCE STANDARD BIAFRAN PROPAGANDA, WITH
SHARP DIATRIBE AGAINST SOVIETS FOR INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF
FMG.

2) ARTICLE IS FIRST PRO-BIAFRA PIECE TO APPEAR IN SIERRA LEONE
MEDIA WHICH STRICTLY CONTROLLED BY GSL. EMB AWARE THAT "UNITY"
EDITOR IS VERY CLOSE TO NRC CHAIRMAN JUXON-SMITH AND IT DOUBTFUL
IF EDITOR WOULD PUBLISH ANYTHING TO WHICH CHAIRMAN WOULD OBJECT.

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WHETHER PIECE PRESAGES CHANGE IN CHAIRMAN'S HERETOFORE STANCH
SUPPORT OF FMG UNKNOWN, BUT POSSIBILITY THAT MERCURIAL JUXON-SMITH
HAS DECIDED TO PLAY INTERNATIONAL POLITICS CANNOT BE RULED OUT.

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AS REPORTED REFTEL, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN LEIGH, RESPONSIBLE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, IS NOT SANGUINE ABOUT FUTURE OF FEDERATION AND HAS ARGUED AGAINST OVER-COMMITMENT OF GSL TO FMG.

3) NEVERTHELESS, FMG HICOMM HERE SEES NOTHING OMINOUS IN ARTICLE. BELIEVES THAT RALPH R. ONWUKA, PURPORTED AUTHOR, IS EITHER GUISE OF ONE OF 40-000 IBO STUDENTS ATTENDING LOCAL UNIVERSITY, OR THAT PIECE WAS MAILED FROM ABROAD.

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1. LAGOS MILITARY GOVERNOR JOHNSON URGED IBOS IN LAGOS AUGUST 30 NOT TO BE AFRAID TO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS IBOS. IN ADDRESS TO LAGOS RESIDENTS FROM ASABA IN MID-WEST (ASABA IS IBO TOWN), JOHNSON ASKED IBOS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR OPPOSITION TO OJUKWU REGIME BY POINTING OUT "COLLABORATORS" IN THEIR MIDST. JOHNSON STATED THAT MAJORITY OF IBOS WERE BITTERLY OPPOSED TO OJUKWU AND HIS CLIQUE BUT THAT SOME IBOS WHO PROFESSED LOYALTY TO FMG "TURNED AROUND TO DO

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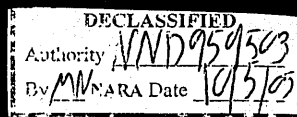
EVIL." GOVERNOR ALSO SAID THAT BECAUSE OF REBELLION, MANY INNOCENT PEOPLE MIGHT SUFFER INCONVENIENCES AND EMBARRASSMENT BUT ALL SHOULD ACCEPT SITUATION UNTIL REBELLION WAS CRUSHED. EMBASSY COMMENT: IMPRESSION IN LAGOS IS THAT AUTHORITIES SURPRISED AT SMALL NUMBER IBO RESIDENTS WHO HAVE TURNED THEMSELVES IN FOR REGISTRATION. APPARENTLY SOME IBOS PREFER TO ADOPT NAMES OF OTHER TRIBES RATHER THAN REPORT TO POLICE AS IBOS, OR JUST NOT REGISTER AND HOPE THEY WILL NOT BE CAUGHT. OFFICIAL POLICE ESTIMATE OF IBOS IN LAGOS, INCLUDING MIDWEST IBOS, IS 50,000, OF WHOM 30,000 ARE BELIEVED TO LIVE IN LAGOS SUBURB IKEJA, WHERE AIRPORT AND ARMY BASE LOCATED.

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2. ANTI-IBO DIATRIBES CONTINUE UNABATED IN PRESS, LED BY GOVERNMENT-OWNED MORNING POST WHICH HAS FEATURE ENTITLED "TREACHEROUS ONES" BEGINNING: WASH A PIG, DRESS A PIG.. A PIG IS (STILL) A PIG. "WE HAVE SAID IN THE PAST THAT AN IBO IS AN IBO." ARTICLE BY "CORRESPONDENT" ATTACKS MIDWEST IBOS WITH PATENT SLANDERS OF PROVOCATIVE NATURE. AW3. EDIN AKENZUA, MORNING POST PRINCIPAL FEATURE WRITER, DEVOTES COLUMN TO NECESSITY TO "INACTIVATE ALL THOSE WHO MIGHT PROBABLY COLLABORATE WITH OJUKWU." AKENZUA MAKES POINT THAT REGISTRATION OF ALL IBOS IN LAGOS IS "GROSSLY INADEQUATE." HE SPECULATES ON BAD RESULTS IF EASTERNERS "INFILTRATE" LAGOS LONG ENOUGH TO MAKE ANTI-FMG BROADCASTS ON NIGERIAN RADIO. HE CONCLUDES IDEAL SOLUTION MUST YIELD TO "GRIM PRACTICALITY" AND FMG SHOULD NOT WAIT TO "INACTIVATE" THOSE WHO MIGHT HELP OJUKWU. MATHEWS

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1. Washington rep Alaska Airlines, ex-Navy Capt. A.G. Russell, informed Department Aug 30 Alaska's Paris rep received proposal, apparently from Baltic Exchange, London, charter Alaska Airlines Hercules aircraft to lift fifteen tons equipment (arms) twice weekly Lisbon-Sao Tome for two months.
2. Clearly aware shipments destined for Eastern Nigeria, Russell stated Alaska would not accept business if Department recommended against on political grounds. During frank discussion Aug 31, Department Officers did recommend strongly against Alaska accepting charter citing US policy refuse supply arms to either side in Nigerian conflict and indicating strong likelihood unfavorable reaction FMG should American airlines transport arms to East and possible danger to 4,000 Amois presently in Nigeria if FMG and populace become convinced USG assisting rebels.
3. Alaska rep accepted arguments and stated Alaska would not take charter despite probability another airline would. We suggested he instruct Paris

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REFS: A. State 24224, B. State 25146, C. State 6191,
D. State 14675, E. CA-1376

SUBJ: Movement of US Origin Arms to Nigeria

1. Posts are fully apprised of USG policy, most recently via refs A and B, re Nigerian conflict, i.e., advocacy of peaceful settlement of dispute and, flowing from that, US refusal from outset to sell or otherwise supply arms to either side. Moreover, per refs C, D and E, we have emphasized our desire to exercise US rights to be consulted re transfer of US-origin military equipment in the hands of other states.

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SECRET 0384 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN, ECOUNTRY, NIGERIA, SUBJECT:
UPDATE CURRENT FMGWNEASTERN MIL SITUATION, DIA FOR DIACD,
CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-E, DA FOR ACSI.
1. DURING COURSE RELAXED CONVERSATION WITH DATT DODAN BARRACKS
30 AUG 67, DURING WHICH FIRST SOURCE IDENTIFIED PAR 2 MY SECRET
0354 AUG 67 PRESENT, GOWON MADE FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS BEARING
CURRENT NIGERIAN MIL SCENE:
A. HE HAD "ABOUT TWO FMG BNS" CURRENTLY OPERATING SOUTHERN
OGOUA AND NORTHERN CALABAR PROVINCES SOUTH EASTERN STATE.

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IKOM "AVOIDING BEING TIED DOWN IF AT ALL POSSIBLE" AND SECOND,
MOVING SOUTH ON CALABAR/MAMFE (CAMEROON) ROAD WITH OBJECTIVE
ISOLATING CALABAR FROM NORTH AND DENYING IT ACCESS MAMFE ROAD.
GOWON SAID REPORTS FROM THIS FORCE DELAYED IN REACHING HIM
BUT THAT HIS LAST REPORTS HAD FORCE WEST AND SOUTH IKOM. (DATT
KNOWS FROM OTHER RELIABLE SOURCES ARMY HQ LAGOS WHICH HOLDING
FACT OPERATION UNDER WAY VERY CLOSELY. THAT SHUWA CONTROLLING
OPERATION FROM MAKURDI AND THAT HIS REPORTS "SLOW IN COMING").
GOWON SAID THAT WHEN FORCE HAD MADE SUFFICIENT PROGRESS TOWARD

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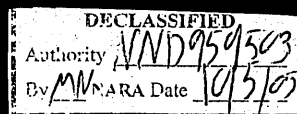
CALABAR HE "MIGHT BE ABLE PROVIDE SOME SUPPORT FROM SOUTH".
(IMPLICATION WAS FROM SEA BUT NO SPECIFICS PROVIDED).
B. USE HIS NEW JETS AGAINST TARGETS IN EAST PRESENTLY INHIBITED
BY COMBINATION RELATIVELY SHORT RANGE AIRCRAFT AND LACK AVAIL-
ABILITY SUITABLE TACTICAL FIELDS SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE PRIME TAR-
GETS IN EAST. FOR THIS REASON GROUP MAKING CRASH STUDY ALL
ASPECTS OF PROBLEM A PORTION OF WHICH INVOLVED IDENTIFICATION
AND STUDY ALL POSSIBLE FIELDS ON PERIPHERY OF EAST WHICH COULD
BE ADAPTED OR IMPROVED TO NAF JET USE. AS ONE OF POSSIBILITIES,
LTC ESUEKE, NAF, MIL GOV SOUTH EASTERN STATE, LOOKING INTO USE
PRIVATE OIL COMPANY STRIP (GULF) LOCATED NORTH ESCRAVOS RIV X

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BAR AREA (APPROX VICINITY UGBORODO VILLAGE 0536N0671E). ESUENE
WAS TO CONSULT WITH GULF PEOPLE 30 AUGUST (THIS DONE) AND
ADMIRAL WEY WOULD FLY TO AREA 31 AUGUST TO DECIDE FMG COURSE
OF ACTION. (OUR WORD IS THAT EXISTING TARMAC RUNWAY WILL BE
LENGTHENED FROM PRESENT 3000 FOOT BY 100 FOOT WITH 600 FOOT
OVERRUN TO MIN 5000 FEET). (OTHER INFO AVAIL ON FIELD IS RUN-
WAY ORIENTATION 300 DEGREES BY 120 DEGREES AND IT CURRENTLY
SUITS FOR SINGLE ENGINE AIRCRAFT TO LIGHT TWINS OF DC-8
TYPE. 100 OCTANE REFUELING AND LIMITED MECH REPAIRS AVAIL).
OTHER STUDIES ALSO BEING MADE POTENTIAL BENIN AIRPORT IF FIELD
SHOULD FALL TO FMG FORCES NEAR FUTURE.
C. GOWON EMPHASIZED PLANES WOULD BE USED ON "STRATEGIC TARGETS
SELECTED FOR THEIR POTENTIAL CONTRIBUTION TO JUKWU'S ABILITY
CONTINUE WAR" AS WELL AS "TACTICAL TARGETS SELECTED AS REQUIRED
BY DEVELOPING TACTICAL SITUATION". GOWON SAID HIS NUMBER ONE
STRATEGIC TARGET WAS "PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES OKAIKA" WHICH
HE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE "WITHOUT DAMAGING REFINERY FACILITIES".
AIRFIELD FACILITIES AT ENUGU, HARCOURT AND CALABAR AND VARIOUS
COMMUNICATION AND POWER FACILITIES (UNSPECIFIED). (WITH RESPECT

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THESE "STRATEGIC TARGETS", DATT SOURCE ON SMC (SAME ONE PRESENT
ABOVE DISCUSSION WITH GOWON) TOLD DATT MORNING 31 AUG NAF
ATTACKS GOWON'S PRIORITY TARGETS WOULD COMMENCE "TODAY AND

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CONTINUE FROM NOW ON"). (ALSO THIS CONNECTION, U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR SAID APPROX 1330 TODAY HE HAD REPORT FROM SOURCE CURRENTLY UNTESTED RELIABILITY THAT "FMG JETS" SEEN ESCRAVOS FIELD DESCRIBED ABOVE "THIS MORNING". DEFENSE ADVISOR HAD NO CONFIRMATION REPORT AND DATT UNABLE CONFIRM AS OF MESSAGE). 2. WITH RESPECT SITUATION ACTIVE FRONTS, ARMY C/S BISALLA SAID THIS MORNING THAT, INCREASINGLY, HIS INFORMATION RUNNING CONSIDERABLY BEHIND ACTUAL EVENTS. THUS, EVEN HE NOT AS CLOSE TO HOUR TO HOUR (OR DAY TO DAY) SITUATION AS HE SHOULD BE. BISALLA EXPLAINED THAT WITH ARMY STAFF ALMOST NON-EXISTENT (BULK OFFICERS NOW AT FRONT VARIOUS COMMAND AND STAFF JOBS) GENERAL PRACTICE GETTING TO BE THAT OPERATIONS AND OVERALL STRATEGY CONCEIVED AND PLANNED IN LAGOS, WHILE RESULTING OPERATIONS ASSIGNED ON "MISSION BASIS" FOR OVERALL EXECUTION IN FIELD BY COMMANDERS CONCERNED. SPECIFICALLY, HE POINTED OUT UTC MUHAMMED'S MISSION IN MPE-WEST WAS ESSENTIALLY AS BROAD AS "MOVE INTO MID-WEST WITH OBJECTIVE AGBOR AND SUCH OTHER OBJECTIVES AS SUBSEQUENTLY

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ASSIGNED". THUS, MUHAMMED WHO SAYS (WITH GOOD CAUSE) "HE MISTRUSTS OVERALL SECURITY OF INFORMATION LAGOS", SENDS IN SITREPS "AS TO MOOD STRIKES HIM". THIS, ADMITTED BISALLA, HARD ON OVERALL COMMAND AND CONTROL STRUCTURE BUT IS "WAY SHOW BEING RUN PRESENT". BISALLA, BASED ON INFORMATION AT LEAST A DAY OLD, SAID HE BELIEVED FMG TROOPS IN AUCHI AND IKOM. (POLICE SOURCES WITH ACCESS POLICE COMINT MONITORING FACILITIES TOLD DATT THIS MORNING NIGERIA POLICE MONITORS HAD REPORTED ALL EASTERN POLICE COMMO AUCHI AND IKOM HAD COME TO HALT AS OF EARLY THIS AM. PATTERN IN PAST HAS BEEN THAT FALL ANY EASTERN TOWN HAD BEEN PRECEDED BY WITHDRAWAL (OR FLIGHT) POLICE COMMO PERSONNEL. THIS COULD ALSO BE CASE THESE INSTANCES). ON QUESTION LIKELY FMG MOVE INTO CALABAR FROM SEA IN SUPPORT GROUND MOVEMENTS CURRENTLY UNDER WAY NORTH CALABAR, BISALLA SAID HE WOULD FIND IT HARD SUPPORT ANY LARGE SCALE OPERATION FROM SEA THIS TIME IN VIEW OTHER TROOP COMMITMENTS LAID ON. HE DID NOT SEEM RULE OUT LIMITED SUPPORT FROM SEA IF SITUATION SO DEVELOPED. GENERAL IMPRESSION GAINED FROM BISALLA WAS IT MORE LIKELY FMG MOVE FROM SEA WOULD

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BE NORTH INTO MID-WEST FROM ESCRAVOS/FOGBADOS AREA.

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BISALLA SAID FMG HAD BEEN CONDUCTING RECONNAISSANCE INTO
WARRI BY "MID-WESTERNERS IN CIVILIAN DRESS" AND THAT FMG KNEW
BASICALLY WHAT TASK FACING THEM THAT AREA WAS.

3. DAO TAFFER REPORTED FOLLOWING OBSERVATIONS FROM IKEJA
AIRPORT THIS MORNING:

A. FOUR ENGINE RUSSIAN TURBO JET AIRCRAFT PAINTED DULL GRAY,
WHICH CAME INTO LAGOS SOMETIME DURING NITE PARKED ON TARMAC
UNDER GUARD OF "RUSSIAN TYPES" IN CIV CLOTHES. PLANE WAS
MILITARY REPEAT MILITARY CONFIGURED IN THAT THERE MOST DEF-
INITELY NOSE TURRET AND TAIL MACHINE GUN AS IN MIL VERSION
AN-12 (CUB) SHOWN PAGE 322 JAMES AIRCRAFT 65-66 EDITION.
REGISTRATION NUMBER PLANE CCCP11416 REPEAT CCCP11416.

B. L-29'S IN HANGER SHOW DEFINITE SIGNS COMPLETION ASSEMBLY
PROCESS.

C. NIGERIAN AIR FORCE LOADING CARGO IDENTIFIED AS AMMO BOXES.

D. TWO L-29'S WHICH HAVE BEEN BOMBING BENIN HAVE BEEN FLYING
OUT OF L

GES. THEIR REGISTRATION NUMBERS NAF 401 AND 402.

(THESE ARE NUMBERS OF TWO JETS ORIGINALLY FLOWN TO LAGOS
THROUGH WEST AFRICA BY CZECH PILOTS).

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| AGR | COM | FRB | As an attachment to this airgram the Consulate herewith submits the full text of an "Open Letter to the American Government from the South-Eastern State Students' Union - University of Ibadan Branch" (Enclosure 1). | | | | | |
| INT | LAB | TAR | As noted in the referenced telegram, the letter is merely a rehash of a number of criticisms which have appeared recently in the Nigerian press. It was subsequently published in full in August 29 issue of Ibadan's <u>Daily Sketch</u> . | | | | | |
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The South-Eastern State Students' Union
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OPEN LETTER TO THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT FROM THE
SOUTH-EASTERN STATE STUDENTS' UNION - UNIVERSITY
OF IBADAN BRANCH

23rd August, 1967

Nigerians have a saying that runs thus:-

"The shrimp's hunch-back is not there because the shrimp
likes it - but because something serious happened to her".

Such is the state of our letter.

Our attention has been drawn to a publication in a British based
Magazine - "The Private Eye" No.147, issue of Friday August 4, 1967.
In it the Central Intelligence Agency (C.I.A.) is said to have -

- (i) Intervened in the Nigerian War of Survival on
the side of the Rebels;
- (ii) And have 'promised' American government recognition to
the Rebels if only they could stave off against Federal
Troops for three weeks.

And in the same Magazine, Nigeria is said to be the target of a fraudulent
and internationally - notorious bank-note forgers in a sub-basement in
Preston - if for nothing else at least to ruin her economy and thereby
place our economic stability in jeopardy in order to allow the "Wily"-Mazi
Ojukwu more grounds for resistance against the Nigerian People.

At this juncture we would pause and take stock of American Role since
the Nigerian Crisis.

1. We recall with utter amazement and bitterness the American
Government demarcation of Africa or for that matter the
so-called underdeveloped countries of the world into blocs for
the Control of the Big Powers. This is borne out of a remark
by Secretary of State, Dean Rusk to a group of U.S. Senators
that America has not intervened in Nigerian crisis because
Nigeria is considered the "primary responsibility of Great
Britain". Senator J.W. Fulbright gave this version to reporters
of the Secretary's closed-door testimony to two senate committees.

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- II. Recently America has regretted that after refusing to sell the Conventional wherewithal to preserve her Sovereignty and territorial integrity - the Soviet Union has supplied arms to Nigeria. Apart from closing her eyes to the fact that Nigeria can buy or dispose of her material and services where she pleases - America has added the second half of the symphony of their reason of non-intervention in the Nigerian crisis - which this time is that they wanted to avoid an arms-race in Africa.
- III. It is established that the Czechoslovakian Arms captured by the Federal troops so far were purchased with American dollars. How this came about the U.S. government is yet to give us the explanation.
- IV. The Anti-tank equipments of American-make captured from the rebels is yet a symbol of American non-involvement in the Nigerian crisis - the black race must be convinced. She has - she will tell the world done everything to stop arms race in Africa.
- V. Portugal is a member of the N.A.T.O. as well as America yet the United States' C.I.A. and her government has done nothing to forbid her allies to supply arms and base for the Rebels.
- VI. A second B-26 Bomber is reputed to be in possession of the rebels, which, they use to harass unarmed Nigerians. The Americans have not so far made any statement as to how this aircraft was sent to Eastern Nigeria. May be one of these days we will soon hear it was a 'left-over' which the rebels collected from the U.S. government or private firms Dust Bin.
- VII. The worst of these have been the Role of the United States Press and Radio who for love of money and sensation would dish out anything given them by the rebels regardless of facts. Infact, Federal Government Victories are always either "unconfirmed" or "of conflicting Report".

OUR INFERENCE

From these we infer almost religiously that:-

- I. The American Government wants to exterminate the five million non-Ibos in the Eastern States of Nigeria in collaboration with Mr. Odumegwu Ojukwu;
- II. That the American Government is blind to the inhuman exploitation by the Ibos of the non-Ibos in the former Eastern Region of Nigeria.

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- III. That so far the American Government has not in actual fact accepted the Federal Government's analysis of and reasons for the Nigerian crisis while in Diplomatic circles now - she pats Nigeria on the shoulder saying "Dont worry, we recognise only the Federal Authorities in Nigeria";
- IV. That America with all her riches, has her eye on the natural resources of the Eastern States of Nigeria in preference to the feelings of the five million non-Ibos there;
- V. That America has enunciated a principle which is that where economic and perhaps ideological interest is at stake - there is no international morality;
- VI. That the Americans want to Balkanize Africa in the late 20th Century so as to perpetrate a myth they religiously believe that Africans are incapable of ruling themselves and thereby fostering their determination not to see any strong and virile nation in Africa;
- VII. And that all things considered the Americans have been abetting and assisting the Rebellion in Eastern Nigeria.

OUR WARNING

The so-called underdeveloped countries are no horses to be taken for a ride when the "Powers that Be" want to and so we warn that:-

- I. The attitude of the U.S. government as regards their recent release of regret that "when our friends desert us" we did not die as expected; and the revelation in 'the Private Eye' all taken together is tantamount to supporting and encouraging the rebel government against the legitimate Government of Nigeria and is against the generally accepted code of conduct in international circles. This attitude can be interpreted as an undisguised interference in Nigeria's Internal Affairs;
- II. That we the younger generation of Nigerians no matter American opinion will record her present activities and shall be guided in our future policies by them;
- III. That unlike the Congo, Vietnam and other countries that America has found convenient to throw her weight upon - their involvement in the Nigerian crisis might be more indigestible than any outside dish they have ever tasted;

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- IV. That the American government is the first government to embarrass the Nigerian Government in this way inspite of the fact that no African Government has so far recognised the ill-fated and so-called "Biafra", is a clear indication that the Americans as a people are diametrically opposed to the Black Race and what she stands for in its entirety;
- V. That we the students of the South-Eastern State of Nigeria would like it be known to the entire American nation that before America breaks up the Federation of Nigeria - she will do so over the dead bodies of well over 45 million peoples;
- VI. That if the Americans are introducing oil politics into Nigeria or aim to bleed the Eastern States economically, they will do so over the dead bodies of five million non-Ibos of the Eastern States.

OUR CONCLUSION

In conclusion we hope that the American government will do everything in her power to erase this caricature of their image in Nigeria. We hope that she will also live up to what she professes most even at the smallest congregation of nations - namely:-

- (a) The right to self-determination of all peoples - of which the five million non-Ibos of the Eastern States are entitled to inspite of Mr. Ojukwu's bastard attempt to force them into perpetual serfdom;
- (b) The Sanctity of sovereign and independent status of nations and its full implications - and of which Nigeria must be included;
- (c) The continued diplomatic assurance through accredited representatives of the American Government that she recognises only Major-General Yakubu Gowon's Government which is for the welfare of all Nigerians.

It follows too that You believe that "To keep Nigeria One is a Task that must be done". SO BE IT.

Yours sincerely,

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PRESIDENT

(2) I.D. UFFORD
PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER

On behalf of the South-Eastern State Students Union

cc: Commander-in-Chief Major-General Y. Gowon

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SUBJ: NIGERIA; PEACE EFFORTS OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF AUG 29 ARNOLD SMITH AND YAW ADU OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT SAID NO REPLY YET RECEIVED FROM FMG RE SMITH'S PROPOSAL FLY TO LAGOS FOR EXPLORATORY TALKS. SMITH TALKED OVER WEEKEND TO NIGERIAL

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HICOMER OGUNDIPE WHO TOLD HIM REPLY WOULD ARRIVE AUG. 28. OGUNDIPE THEN CALLED SMITH ON 28TH TO SAY THAT HE SHOULD BE PATIENT AND REPLY WOULD SURELY COME WITHIN FEW DAYS. OGUNDIPE MADE CLEAR THAT SMITH SHOULD NOT PLAN PROCEED TO LAGOS UNLESS AND UNTIL HE GOT GREEN LIGHT FROM FMG.

2. YAW ADU SPENT WEEKEND IN ACCRA AND STATES THAT (AS EXPECTED) ANKRAH DOES NOT BELIEVE TIME IS RIPE FOR TALKS BUT WISHES CS WELL IN ITS EFFORTS.

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3. COMMENT: SMITH IS DISCOURAGED BY LACK OF ANY RESPONSE FROM FMG, ALTHOUGH HE IS REALISTIC ENOUGH TO REALIZE THAT PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES NOT AT ALL PROPITIOUS FOR TALKS. HE IS IN ANY EVENT PREPARED TO WAIT IT OUT FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS. HE HAS SENT HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN OFF TO NEW YORK BY SHIP AND WILL JOIN THEM LATER IN US OR CANADA.

4. SMITH WONDERS WHETHER FORMATION OF WAR CABINET MEANS FURTHER HARDENING OF FMG LINE ON PEACE TALKS AND MAY HAVE

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CONTRIBUTED TO DELAY IN FMG RESPONSE. WE TOLD HIM THAT IT WAS OUR IMPRESSION THAT FMG HOSTILE TO IDEA OF "UNCONDITIONAL" NEGOTIATIONS EVEN BEFORE FORMATION OF WAR CABINET. WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY FURTHER INFO EMB LAGOS CAN SUPPLY ON FMG ATTITUDE TOWARD TALKS AND HOW IT AFFECTED (IF AT ALL) BY RECENT INTERNAL REORGANIZATION OF GOVT. BRUCE

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1. MORNING POST AUGUST 30 AND LAGOS TV NEWS AUGUST 29
REPORTED STATEMENT ISSUED IN LAGOS AUGUST 29 BY IFCTU
AFFILIATED "NIGERIAN WORKERS COUNCIL TO EFFECT THAT IF
UNITED SJJPC
RYLCREM
TQ#COULD NOT HELP NIGERIA FIND PEACEFUL

AND EFFECTIVE SOLUTION TO SITUATION, USA SHOULD "MAINTAIN

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REALLY NEUTRAL ATTITUDE AND STOP WORSENING SITUATION."

2. STATEMENT WARNED THAT AMERICA HAS NO LEGAL OR ETHICAL RIGHT TO MEDDLE IN NIGERIAN INTERNAL AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS BY "INDIRECTLY AIDING AND ABETTING EMEKA OJUKWU AND HIS

REBEL CLIQUE." IT VERY DISHEARTENING, ACCORDING NWC, "TO OBSERVE THAT INFORMATION MEDIA OF US AND UK HAVE BEEN DISHING OUT UNTRUTHS TO OUTSIDE WORLD ABOUT NIGERIAN CRISIS." 3. NWC STATEMENT MADE "STRONG APPEAL" TO GENERAL GOWON TO CLOSE REGIONAL OFFICES IN NIGERIA OF US, UK AND FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY.

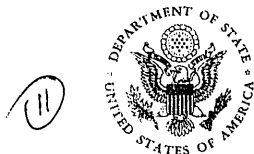
4. COMMENT: FMG OBVIOUSLY CONTINUING GIVE PUBLICITY TO ANTI-AMERICANISM FROM ANY SOURCE. NWC GEN. SECY CHUKWURE RELEASED FROM PRISON AUGUST 3 (SEE LAGOS A-89 AUG 13). MATHEWS

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1. MORE VOLTAN OFFICIALS ARE EXPRESSING CONCERN
OVER US NEUTRALITY POLICY IN NIGERIA ON LINES REPORTED
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2. THEY PRIMARILY INTERESTED MAICJEMDNCE NIGERIA D

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THEIR CRITICISM SOVIET ARMS SUPPLY SEEMS BASED MORE ON FEAR ADVANCEMENT DISRUPTIVE SOVIET INFLUENCE THAN ON DISAPPROVAL ARMS SHIPMENT AS INTERFERENCE.

3. WHILE ACCEPTING IDEA US NEUTRALITY, VOLTANS SUGGEST IT NOT ADVANCING MAINTENANCE NIGERIA UNITY AND IN FACT SERVES HELP BIAFRA. VOLTANS APPEAR WANT "POSITIVE" NEUTRALISM WHICH IF NOT PERMITTING ARMS AID TBCFED GOVT SHOULD AT LEAST MORALLY SUPPORT LAGOS.

4. VOLTANS NOTE THAT IN URGING SUPPORT FED GOVT AFRICAN STATES ARE INDIRECTLY SEEKING ASSURE THEMSELVES BACKING AGAINST ETHNIC FRAGMENTATION WHICH IS UNDERLYING THREAT THROUGHOUT CONTINENTS. DETERIORATION OAU MAKES BIG POWERS POLICIES MORE SIGNIFICANT.

5. WOULD BE HELPFUL HERE IF US STATEMENTS ON NIGERIA SHOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY DISAPPROVAL SOVIET INVOLVEMENT BUT EMPHASIZE US SUPPORT TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY NIGERIA AND FIRM RECOGNITION FED GOVT.

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1. DISCUSSING NIGERIAN SITUATION WITH ME AUGUST 30 FORMIN
EXPRESSED REGRET ENTRY RUSSIAN ARMS INTO NIGERIA WITH POSSIBLE
FUTURE HARMFUL EFFECTS AND WONDERED WHETHER INTRODUCTION SOVIET
ARMS MIGHT BRING US TO ASSIT BIAFRANS.

2. PER REFTEL I ASSURED FORMIN WE ALSO DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER

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RUSSIAN ACTION BUT WE CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE FMG AND HAVE NO
INTENTION INTERFEREING NIGERIAN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

3. FORMIN REGRETED US HAD NOT SUPPLIED ARMS WHEN REQUESTED
BY NIGERIA. IN RESPONSE TO VARIOUS ARGUMENTS PRESENTED PER
REFTEL FORMIN SAID SINCE WE RECOGNIZE FMG AND ON FRIENDLY TERMS

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WITH IT, MEETING ITS LEGITIMATE AND URGENT REQUEST WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS. PERHAPS IF US HAD PROVIDED ASSISTANCE, MATTER COULD HAVE BEEN SETTLED MORE QUICKLY, OR AT LEAST COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE BEEN KEPT OUT. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD STILL DO WHATEVER IT COULD TO HELP RESOLVE THE SITUATION, WHICH NOT DEVELOPING IN THE INTERESTS OF ANYONE AND POSING SERIOUS RISKS, ESPECIALLY FOR THIS PART OF AFRICA.

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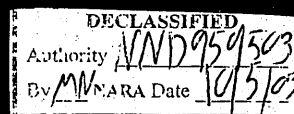
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1. IN STATEMENT TO PRESS AUGUST 29 FONMIN ZINSOU GAVE REPORT HIS GOODWILL MISSION LAGOS AUGUST 23. SAID DAHOMEY COULD NOT REMAIN INDIFFERENT TO EVENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRY. GOODWILL MISSION WELL RECEIVED LAGOS WHERE HE FOUND THAT FMG CONSIDERED ANY DISCUSSIONS AND ANY COMPROMISE TO END CONFLICT POSSIBLE EXCEPT THERE COULD BE NO DISCUSSION AND NO COMPROMISE ON RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA AS SOVEREIGN STATE. ZINSOU POINTED OUT TO PRESS BIAFRA HOWEVER

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INSISTS THAT DISCUSSION IS IMPOSSIBLE UNLESS ITS SOVEREIGNTY

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RECOGNIZED. GIVEN POSITION TWO PARTIES. ZINSOU CHARACTERIZES ALL
TALK IN NIGERIA ABOUT RESOLUTION CONFLICT AS DIALOGUE OF THE
DEAF. HE CONCLUDES THAT IF ONE WANTS TRY CONTRIBUTE TO RESOLU-
TION OF CONFLICT, ONE SHOULD TAKE CARE TO SAY NOTHING WHICH
MIGHT UPSET EITHER OF TWO PARTIES.

2. COMMENT: ZINSOU STATEMENT REFLECTS DAHOMEY'S BASICALLY
"MIDDLE OF ROAD" POSITION ON NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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1. Please send information requested State 27802 soonest.
2. Voluntary Charter US registered vessel to any alien, including FMG, must have prior approval Maritime Administration. FYI Dept would urge Maritime Administration reject application for such charter if purpose appeared transport military men or equipment. END FYI
3. Requisition of vessel owned by US national without adequate compensation would constitute violation international law. FYI There is precedent for requisition foreign flag vessels within territorial waters of another state during period of emergency if adequate compensation is paid. See II Lauterpacht, Oppenheim's International Law (6th ed.) pp. 625-6 which refers

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to: qte right, which every State undoubtedly possesses, of
seizing in case of emergency, and subject to compensation, any
foreign property on its territory. unqte. See also VI Hackworth,
Digest International Law, Sec. 609. Dept would be seriously
concerned about unlimited application this doctrine to interfere
with freedom international transport by ocean vessels or commercial
aircraft. Would, however, be difficult to make strong argument
for non-applicability doctrine in this case where relatively small
boats have been used almost entirely in Nigerian territorial waters.

END FYI

4. If requisition US vessel appears imminent, strong representations
can be made to FMG on grounds: a) such requisition would unnecessarily
involve US nationals in Nigerian conflict contrary to US policy
and best long term interests Nigeria; b) requisition US property
for military use would deter others from doing business in Nigeria
or putting in at its ports; c) in any case, must be clear provision
for full and adequate compensation for use of vessels, all damages
incurred, etc.

5. Dept assumes FMG not contemplating qte requisitioning unqte
of US seamen which would be clearly contrary to international law
and create even more serious problems. END

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1. PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN STUDENTS UNION, PATRICK IKULALA, CAME TO SEE BPAO AND ME THUG MORNING TO SAY HE UNDER PRESSURE TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON BEHALF HIS ORGANIZATION ON US ROLE IN CURRENT NIGERIAN SITUATION AND WISHED LEARN OFFICIAL US POSI

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TION BEFORE DOING SO. HE RETURNED FROM US ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO FROM SIX-WEEK AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY OPERATIONS CROSSROADS. WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED AND IS TROUBLED BY CURRENT PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST US.

2. EXPLAINED US POSITION PER CURRENT GUIDANCE EMPHASIZING THAT

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WHILE WE CONTINUING OBSERVE POLICY NONINVOLVEMENT, THIS DID NOT IMPLY ANY CHANGE IN OUR POLICY OF RECOGNIZING ONLY FMG. IT DID NOT IMPLY WE WERE ASSISTING OJUKWU REGIME ANJQSTOEWIES OR THAT EFFECT WITHOUT FOUNDATION. HE SAD AWARE USG NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR AMERICAN-MADE EQUIPMENT IN HANDS EASTERN FORCES, BUT MANY NIGERIANS WERE NOT. HE DEPLORED US STATEMENT ON RUSSIAN ARMS PURCHASE AND WE EXPLAINED IT NOT DIRECTED AT SOVEREIGN RIGHT FMG BUT DESIGNED TO WARN AGAINST DANGER RUSSIANS EXPLOITING NIGERIAN SITUATION FOR COLD WAR PURPOSES.

3. IKULALA IS MATURE AND SERIOUS YOUNG MAN AND APPEARED ACCEPT OUR ASSURANCES AS GENUINE. PRESUME HE WILL HAVE TO ISSUE CRITICAL STATEMENT BUT BELIEVE HE WILL DO HIS BEST TO MODERATE IT. BELIEVE THIS IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF WORTH OF EXCHANGE OF PERSONS

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1. AKURE BRITISH WARDEN TOLD BDHC THAT SIXTY TRUCKS BEARING
BETWEEN 800 AND 1000 MEN WENT SOUTH THROUGH AWO ON 27TH.

2. UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF TROOPS MILLING AROUND IBADAN SWITCHING
YARDS DUE TO INADVERTANT DERAILMENT. AT LEAST FIVE PASSENGER
CARS OF TROOPS HELD UP.

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3. HIGH WESTERN CIVIL SERVANT REPORT TAI SOLARIN, HEAD MAYFLOWER

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SCHOOL AND CLOSE AND CONFIDENT, HAS BEEN ARRESTED AND SENT TO LAGOS.

4. WHILE AT SECRETARIAT AT 1230 TODAY, I NOTICED TWO STRAIGHT WING, HIGH TAIL JETS DEMONSTRATING OVER AREA. PRESUME THESE MAY BE L-29'S. ODUMOSU TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR THAT MILGOV ADEBAYO PASSED WORD TO SECRETARIAT THAT PLANES WERE "OURS".

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1. SEVERAL NIGERIAN PAPERS AUG 29 REPORT ADOPTION OF STATEMENT
SUPPORTING FMC WAR EFFORT BY SENIOR ACADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE
STAFF OF UNIVERSITY OF IFE. HAVE OBTAINED TEXT. POUCHING COPY
FOLLOWING ARE HIGH POINTS:

EXPRESSES UNFLINCHING SUPPORT FOR STAND OF WESTERN MILGOV
ON KEEPING NIGERIA TOGETHER AND DEFENDING INVIOABILITY WESTERN
STATE; CALLS FOR ESTABLISHMENT, TRAINING AND ARMING HOME GUARD,

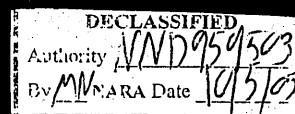
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PEVENTING SUBVERSION BY REBEL AGSNU AH# RECRUITING MORE WEST

ERNERS IN FEDERAL ARMY. RECOMMDS FIRING ANY CIVIL COMMISSIONER,

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PERMSEC OR PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE SUPPOT OF WAR EFFORT "NOT ABSOLUTE"; BETTER INFORMATION OUTPUT TO EDUCATE MASSES ON WAR EFFORT. CALLS FOR SUSPENSION ALL COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY "AND ANY OTHER DIS-TRACTING ENGAGEMENTS NOW GOING ON." PLEDGES FIVE PERCENT SALARY CONTRIBUTION TO WAR EFFORT AND CALLS ON OTHERS DO LIKEWISE.

3. STATE MENT ALSO "STRONGLY CONDEMS...DUBIOUS AND SHAMEFUL ROLE BEING PLAYED BY USG AND ITS COLLABORATORS IN AFFAIRS OF NIGERIA BY OPENLY ASSISTING OJUKWU REBELLION WITH SUPPLY OF ARMS, AMMUNI-TIONS, AND MERCENARIES..."

4. STATEMENT RESULT OF MEETING OF 35 SENIOR STAFF AT IFE CAMPUS AUGUST 23 SIGNED BY PROFESSOR S.A. ALUKO, HEAD OF DEPT. OF ECONO-MICS; A. OLADONYINBO, ESTATE OFFICER; AND DR. G.J.A. OJO, ACTING

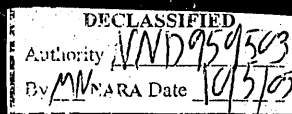
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HEAD DEPT. OF GEOGRAPHY.

5. NOT CLEAR WHAT, IF ANY, ROLE PLAYED BY VICE-CHANCELOGCOLU-WASANMI BUT AS HE IS ONE OF ADDRESSEES, IMPLICATION IS HE DID NOT PARTICIPATE. AS HE LEFT YESTERDAY FOR TRIP TO UK AND US ON EDU-CATION MATTERS, UNABLE OBTAIN FURTHER BACKGROUND. HAVE SO FAR LO-CATED NO OTHER SENIOR UNIVERSITY OFFICIAL FROM IFE CAMPUS IN IBADAN.

6. COMMENT: ALUKO, WHO USED LECTURE AT UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA, NSUKKA, WAS AT ONE TIME MESSENGER BETWEEN AWO AND OJUKWU. PETER ODUMOSU, SECY TO MILGOVT (PROTECT SOURCE), SPOKE SCORNFULLY TO ASST AID DIRECTOR OF ALUKO'S CHANGABILITY. POSSIBLY HE SEEKING TO OFFSET SUSPICIONS HE AMONG YORUBA PEACEMAKERS, WHICH MAY BE ENCOURAGED BY HIS FORMULA FOR NEGOTIATEDSETTLEMENT IN AUG 26 ISSUE OF WEST AFRICA, EVEN THOUGH IT IS WEIGHTED ON SIDE FMG. CALLING FOR SUSPENSION OF COMMISSIONS OF ENQUIRY (MAINLY INTO ASSETS OF WESTERN OFFICIALS AND 1965 ELECTIONS IN WEST) WOULD APPEAR HAVE NNOP INSPIRATION AND WILL NOT MAKE ALUKO POPULAR WITH HIS AG FRIENDS. PRESUMABLY ALUKO AND HIS FRIENDS KNOW BETTER THAN THEIR

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ASSERTIONS ON AF INVOLVEMENT BUT IT IS INDEX OF THEIR CURRENT
RESENTMENTS AND FRUSTRATIONS, AS WELL AS EFFORT CLEAR THEIR SKIRTS.

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C O F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 129

1. CALLED THIS MORNING ON WESTERN NIGERIAN COMMISSIONER FOR
TRADE AND INDUSTRY, ALHAJI ADEGBENRO, WHO ALSO LEADING AG POLI-
TICIAN AND AWOLOWO'S RIGHT-HAND MAN IN WEST.

2. IN DISCUSSION CURRENT SITUATION, I EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER
ANTI-AMERICAN PRESS CAMPAIGN AND ASSURED HIM THERE NO CHANGE

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IN US POSITION OF RECOGNIZING ONLY FMG, NO TRUTH IN CHARGES WE WERE
HELPING OJUKWU AND NO JUSTIFICATION FOR INFERENCE DRAWN BY SOME
THAT ACQUISITION OF RUSSIAN ARMS BY FMG WOULD CAUSE US ALTER OUR
POLICY. I CITED OUR WILLINGNESS MAKE SUBSTANTIAL EXTENSION LOAN

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FOR IRADAN WATER SUPPLY AS EVIDENCE WE DOING OUR BEST MAINTAIN
CURRENT COOPERATION HERE, EVEN THOUGH THIS COULD NOT BE PUBLICIZED.

3. ADEGBENRO COUNTERED BY SAYING SOME OF NIGERIAN APPREHENSIONS
WERE CAUSED BY FAVORABLE TREATMENT OF EAST IN US PRESS AND RADIO,
INCLUDING VOA. ADDED THAT WHILE HE ABLE UNDERSTAND U.S. POLICY OF
NONINVOLVEMENT, COULD NOT UNDERST
RD US STATEMENT ON FMG PURCHASE
OF RUSSIAN ARMS. DID BEST TO MAKE DISTINCTION BETWEEN US PRESS
AND US POLICY AND EXPLAIN GENUINENESS OUR CONCERN OVER POSSI-
BILITY OF ZEPLOITATION NIGERIA'S DIFFICULTIES. HE SIAD HE GLAD
TO HAVE MY ASSURANCES AND ACCEPTED THEM AS HE UNDERSTOOD
FMG ACCEPTED THOSE OF AMBASSADOR. HE ASEERED ME THAT THERE NO
BASIC CHANGE IN NIGERIAN ATTITUDE TOWARDS US, ARMS PURCHASE HAD
NO IDEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS, AND HE SHARED HOPE OUR TWO COUNTRIES
WOULD CONTINUE OUR CLOSE COOPERATION AFTER CONFLICT OVER. WE
AGREED PRESS NOT ALWAYS BEST GUIDE TO POSITIONS OUR GOVERNMENTS.

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4. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH ADEGBENRO HAD WITH HIM HIS PERMSEC AND ONE
OTHER OFFICIAL, HIS SUPPORT OF FMG WAR EFFORT APPEARED GENUINE AS
DID HIS WILLINGNESS ACCEPT MY ASSURANCES. THERE NO DOUBT, HOW-
EVER, EVEN SUCH WELL-DISPOSED OFFICIAL HAS BEEN TROUBLED BY SOME
DOUBTS OVER US STAND.

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S E C R E T ACCRA 750

1. AT COMMAND PERFORMANCE FOR UK, CANADIAN, DUTCH AND AUSTRALIAN COLLEAGUES AND MYSELF THIS MORNING (SEPT), ANKRAH PUT BURDEN FOR NIGERIA'S TROUBLES SQUARELY ON UK'S BACK BUT DID NOT EXCUSE US ENTIRELY. DIRECTING HIS REMARKS TO UK HICOM, ANKRAH ASKED HOW ONE COMMONWEALTH COUNTRY COULD REFUSE ASSISTANCE TO ANOTHER. NOTING THAT QTE SOMEONE UNQTE IS GIVING ARMS TO OJUKWU, ANKRAH SAID THAT IF UK OR US HAD GIVEN NEEDED ASSISTANCE TO GOWON, THERE WOULD BE NO RUSSIAN PLANES IN NIGERIA TODAY.

2. THROUGH ANKRAH'S HIGH STATE OF AGITATION, I GOT IMPRESSION

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THAT HE BECOMING CONVINCED THAT SOLUTION TO NIGERIA LIES IN SUPPORTING GOWON RATHER THAN CONTINUING FRUITLESS EFFORT TO BRING TWO SIDES TOGETHER.

GP-3 WILLIAMS

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SUBJECT: IBIBIO CENTRAL BANK GOVERNOR ON NATIONAL UNITY

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1. ECON COUNSELOR CALLED ON NEW GOVERNOR, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA, DR. C.N. ISONG AUGUST 28. ISONG IS AN IBIBIO FROM SOUTHEAST STATE WHO HAS BEEN IN CHARGE OF EAST AFRICAN AFFAIRS IN IMF FOR PAST FIVE YEARS. ISONG DESCRIBED IN EMOTIONAL TERMS WHY HE, A MEMBER OF AN EASTERN MINORITY TRIBE, GAVE UP PROFESSIONALLY INTERESTING JOB WITH IMF TO ACCEPT GOVERNORSHIP CENTRAL BANK IN LAGOS AT LOWER PAY AND UNDER MUCH LESS COMFORTABLE AND SETTLED CONDITIONS THEN IN WASHINGTON. SAID NEW OF HIS ACCEPTANCE CAME SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH NEWS OF THE MIDWEST COUP AND RAISED MANY QUESTIONS FROM FRIENDS. ISONG EMPHASIZED HE FIRM

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BELIEVER IN NATIONAL UNITY AND, GIVEN THESE
CONVICTIONS, COULD NOT DESERT NIGERIA IN HOUR OF NEED.

2. COMMENT: SIGNIFICANCE OF FOREGOING IS FACT
ISONG EVIDENTLY VERY ABLE, WELL TRAINED MEMBER
EASTERN MINORITY TRIBE WHO IN POSITION EXERT GREAT
INFLUENCE ON NIGERIAN ECONOMIC POLICY AND
PROSPECTS. MATHEWS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 126

1. ON AUG 28 WESTERN NIGERIAN CIVIL SERVANT (NOT REPEAT NOT ODUMOS) WITH GOOD CONTACTS IN ACTION GROUP CIRCLES TOLD ASST AID DIRECTOR THAT CHIEF AWOLowo HELD LONG MEETING IN IBADAN AUG 27 WITH KEY AG LEADERS. ACCORDING TO SOURCE, THERE SERIOUS SPLIT WITHIN GROUP OVER AWO POLICY OF SUPPORTING FMG. SOME TOOK LINE THAT AWO MAKING SERIOUS MISTAKE, THAT HE LOSING

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RESPECT MANY FORMER SUPPORTERS AND THAT IN ANY CASE IF

FMG WINS, NNOP YORUBAS AND "NORTHERNERS" WILL CERTAINLY DUMP HIM.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 2015

1. BRITISH DHC ENUGU REPORTED TO HC LAGOS ON AUGUST 26
THAT "WHITE PAPER" BEING ISSUED "TO DEFINE POSSIBLE AREAS
OF FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND THE REST OF THE
FORMER FEDERATION TO FORM THE BASIS OF DISCUSSION AT
THE CONFERENCE TABLE".
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2. ENUGU RADIO AT 1200 GMT AUGUST 29 BROADCAST "MEMORANDUM ?"
(BEING SENT SEPTTEL) WHICH APPEARS BE SUMMARY OF WHITE
PAPER DESCRIBED PARA 1. MEMORANDUM DOES NOT INCLUDE

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POINOBIN BDHC REPORT THAT WHITE PAPER CONTAINS SENTENCE:
"IN SPITE OF THE INTENSIFIED BITTERNESS GENERATED BY THE
OUTBREAK OF THE PRESENT WAR, THE REPUBLIC OF BIAFRA STILL
BELIEVES THAT A LASTING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONSHIP
CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH THE REST OF THE NIGERIAN FEDERATION
OR WITH WHATEVER SOVEREIGN STATES THAT WOULDLEMERGE AT THE
END OF THE WAR".

3. EMBASSY ASSUMES ENUGU MEMORANDUM IS NEGOTIATING
PROPOSAL DESIGNED CATCH ATTENTION OAU MEETING AT KINSHASA
IN EFFORT GAIN SOME RECOGNITION FOR "BIAFRA". IDEAS
IN IT VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE PUT FORWARD BY OJUKWU DURING
PAST YEAR WHICH BASED ON SOVEREIGNTY AND AUTONOMY OF
EASTERN NIGERIA. ANOTHER PARTICIPANTS IN PROPOSED
ASSOCIATION. THEY ARE IDEAS WHICH IN PAST NIGERIAN
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS FOUND UNACCEPTABLE.

4. APPRECIATE FURTHER INFO AND COMMENTS FROM CONSUL
ENUGU.
GR-3. MATHEWS.

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1. ENUGU RADIO BROADCAST FOLLOWING MEMORANDUM ON FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND "REST OF FORMER NIGERIA" AT 1300 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 29 (TEXT REPORTED FBIS N291215), UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):

2. "GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM ON FUTURE ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND REST OF FORMER NIGERIA WAS PUBLISHED IN ENUGU TODAY. MEMORANDUM DEFINES FIELDS IN WHICH GOVERNMENT OF BIAFRA IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER AND NEGOTIATE ESTABLISHMENT OF JOINT SERVICES AUTHORITY - BUT THIS MUST BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO ITS OWN SERVICES.

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3. "IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS, GOVERNMENT SAYS IT HAS TAKEN OVERALL VIEW OF REST OF NIGERIA BREAKING UP INTO INDEPENDENT AND SOVEREIGN UNITS. FUTURE COOPERATION IS RECOMMENDED IN EIGHT ECONOMIC AREAS AS FOLLOWS:

4. "RAILWAY AND HARBORS -- THESE SERVICES WHICH ALREADY EXIST CAN BE REOPENED TO SERVE MUTUAL INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES PARTICULARLY THOSE STATES THAT MIGHT FIND THEMSELVES LANDLOCKED AS RESULT OF WAR, AND WOULD REQUIRE ACCESS TO SEA FOR MOVEMENT OF GOODS.

5. "INTERTERRITORIAL ROADS -- EFFICIENT ROAD NETWORK LINKING STATES ALREADY IN EXISTENCE, AND IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE THIS BE KEPT OPEN FOR FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES.

6. "MERCHANT SHIPPING INCLUDING INLAND WATERWAYS -- ALL STATES CAN PARTICIPATE IN RUNNING OF SHIPPING LINE. IN THIS REGARD, FORMER NIGERIAN NATIONAL SHIPPING LINE AND INLAND WATERWAYS DEPARTMENT PROVIDE NUCLEUS FOR FURTHER EXPANSION.

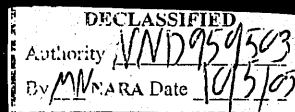
7. "AIRWAYS AND CIVIL AVIATION -- BECAUSE RUNNING AND MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL AIR SERVICES BY INDIVIDUAL STATES IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IS EXPENSIVE AND OFTEN UNPROFITABLE VENTURE, IT WOULD BE IN MUTUAL INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES TO POOL RESOURCES TOGETHER IN THIS RESPECT.

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8. "INTERTERRITORIAL POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES -- EXISTING LINKS AND FACILITIES IN THIS RESPECT HAVE REACHED REASONABLE LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT. IT WOULD BE UNWISE TO SEVER THESE LINKS. THIS AGREEMENT WILL BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO RIGHT OF EACH STATE TO DEVELOP ITS OVERSEAS SERVICES.

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9. "METEOROLOGY -- EXISTENCE OF JOINT AIR SERVICES MAKES IT DESIRABLE FOR COOPERATION BETWEEN MEMBER STATES IN MATTERS RELATING TO METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES. IN THIS REGARD, ADVANTAGE COULD BE TAKEN OF EXISTING FACILITIES.

10. "CUSTOMS (?) - IN THIS FIELD, NEGOTIATIONS ANTICIPATED COULD LEAD TO OPERATION OF JOINT CUSTOMS SERVICES BETWEEN MEMBER STATES, AND SPECIAL AGREEMENTS ON MOVEMENT OF GOODS AND SERVICES. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO REACH (?UNDERTAKING) WHICH WOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO CUSTOMS UNION.

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11. "CURRENCY MATTERS -- MEMBER STATES WILL ENTER INTO CURRENCY ARRANGEMENT IN ORDER TO FACILITATE INTERSTATE TRADE AND COMMERCE. SUCH ARRANGEMENT SHOULD NOT BE PREJUDICIAL TO RIGHTS OF EACH STATE TO MAINTAIN INDEPENDENT CURRENCY AND MONETARY POLICY.

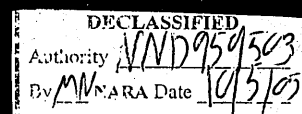
12. "CULTURAL RELATIONS - TOUCHING ON HIGHER EDUCATION, MEMORANDUM SAYS BECAUSE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING AND EDUCATIONAL POLICIES IN FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA WERE DEVELOPED ON MORE OR LESS EQUIVALENT BASES AND STANDARDS, IT WILL BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL TO MEMBER STATES TO STRENGTHEN CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LINKS. THIS SHOULD BE DONE THROUGH EXCHANGE OF STUDENTS AND TEACHERS. COOPERATION ALSO RECOMMENDED IN SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL, AND RESEARCH MATTERS. GOVERNMENT SAYS FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA HAD DEVELOPED SOME EXPERTISE AND INSTITUTIONS IN THESE AREAS. IT WOULD BE IN COMMON INTEREST OF MEMBER STATES TO CONTINUE TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS KNOWLEDGE AND THESE FACILITIES RATHER THAN STAND ALONE IN WHAT IS NECESSARILY EXPENSIVE UNDERTAKING.

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"ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES, MEMORANDUM SAYS MEMBER STATES ARE ALREADY USED TO COMMON ENDEAVORS IN FIELDS OF SPORTS, DANCING, ART, ETC. IT THEREFORE EXPECTED THAT EXCHANGES IN THESE FIELDS WOULD FOSTER GREATER UNDERSTANDING AND (GARBLE).

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13. "COOPERATION ENVISAGED IN DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR RELATIONS. SUBJECT TO AGREEMENT, BIAFRA PREPARED TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR RELATIONS AT ANY LEVEL TO REFLECT NATURE OF ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH VARIOUS STATES. AGREEMENTS COULD ALSO BE REACHED WITH ANY STATE OR GROUP OF STATES TO HAVE JOINT DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR REPRESENTATION IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES ABROAD. THESE AGREEMENTS WILL (GARBLE) AND INDIVIDUAL IDENTITY OF EACH STATE.

14. "ONE ASPECT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUTURE COOPERATION CONCERNS CITIZENSHIP AGREEMENTS. BIAFRA WOULD BE PREPARED ENTER INTO CITIZENSHIP ARRANGEMENTS WITH VARIOUS STATES ON FREE MOVEMENT OF PERSONS BETWEEN THE STATES.

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15. "GOVERNMENT MEMORANDUM SAYS: FOR EFFECTIVE AND SMOOTH RUNNING THESE JOINT SERVICES, TWO INSTITUTIONS ARE ENVISAGED AS EXAMPLE OF WHAT COULD BE NEGOTIATED. ONE IS AUTHORITY COMPOSED OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT OF MEMBER STATES. IT MAY BE VESTED WITH LEGISLATIVE FUNCTIONS AND AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE POLICY, SUBJECT TO INDIVIDUAL STATE RATIFICATION. THERE MAY BE EXECUTIVE BOARD COMPOSED OF TWO OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH MEMBER STATE. EACH MEMBER OF BOARD IN ROTATION MAY BE CHARGED WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ONE OR GROUP OF RELATED SERVICES. EXECUTIVE BOARDS SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE TO AUTHORITY FOR EFFICIENT PERFORMANCE OF THEIR DUTIES. EXECUTIVE BOARDS ACTING COLLECTIVELY SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR RECRUITMENT OF STAFF FOR RUNNING OF VARIOUS SERVICES.

16. "MEMORANDUM FINALLY DEALS WITH ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF FORMER FEDERATION. IT SAYS WITH BREAKUP OF FORMER FEDERATION OF NIGERIA, QUESTION OF DETERMINATION ITS ASSETS AND LIABILITIES WILL ARISE AND IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER. MATTERS RELATING TO PENSIONS, AND NATIONAL PROVIDENT FUND WOULD ALSO HAVE TO BE DISCUSSED

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GOVERNMENT SAYS IT APPRECIATES IN SCHEME OF THINGS, NATURE OF
ASSOCIATION BETWEEN BIAFRA AND STATES WILL VARY ACCORDING TO
POLITICAL RELATIONSHIPS. IT EXPECTS THEREFORE RECOMMENDATIONS
ELABORATED MIGHT HAVE TO BE MODIFIED ACCORDINGLY. THEY HOWEVER
COULD FORM BASIS OF DISCUSSION AT CONFERENCE TABLE."

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1. USUALLY RELIABLE SOURCE AT KANO REPORTS SIX MIGS
ASSEMBLED AS OF AUGUST 27

A. EACH MIG REPORTEDLY HAS ONE CANNON, THREE SMALLER
CALIBER GUNS.

B. REPORTEDLY NO FITTINGS FOR EXTERNAL ROCKETS, BUT HAVE
WING-TIP FUEL TANKS.

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2. DICK VANDERSTEEN (PROTECT SOURCE) CANADIAN SUM
MISSIONARY FROM SOUTH BENUE AREA, REPORTS FOLLOWING AS
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1. CHIEF OF STATE M/G GOWON, IN CONVERSATION EVENING
28 AUG, TOLD AMBASSADOR HE IN POSSESSION INFO WHI P INDICATED
POSSIBILITY THREE REPEAT THREE CZECH DELFIN L-29 TWO ENGINE,
TANDEM SEATER JET TRAINERS PASSED THROUGH DAKAR ENROUTE ENUGU
(SECESSCHNEST EASTERN NIGERIA) ARRIVEING DAKAR 25 AUG AND

DEPARTING DAKAR 26 AUGUST. HE ASKED AMBASSADOR IF WE HAD ANY
INFO THIS REPORTED MOVEMENT.

2. AMBASSADOR PLACES HIGH PRIORITY INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE
ABLE CONTRIBUTE OUR ABILITY ANSWER QUERY. REQUEST YOU ATTEMPT
DETERMINE VALDITY THIS INFORMATION AND/OR ANY RELATED INFO
WHICH BEARS ON THIS OR SIMILAR ACTIVITY. EARLIEST POSSIBLE

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ANSWER WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

3. INFO POSTS ASKED PROVIDE INFORMATION THIS REQUEST IF SUCH
INFO AVAILABLE TO THEM THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES.
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Following is text of Department spokesman noon briefing, August 29:

Q: In view of the increased tension in Nigeria, and the Communist-supplied armaments and planes there, have we considered, and have we decided, to change our policy of neutrality in that case?

A: No. Our policy there remains unchanged. We are hopeful that there will be a peaceful solution as soon as possible in Nigeria. We very much regret the unfortunate conflict that has developed there. But there has been no change in our policy.

Q: Did you ever get these figures about which Soviet weapons were delivered to Nigeria?

A: No. I don't really have anything on that, aside from the general statement that we made when we issued our original statement on this.

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1. FMG PRESS RELEASE AUGUST 28 CLAIMS FEDERAL TROOPS
HAVE CLEARED REBEL "INFILTRATORS" FROM ORE AREA AND
HAVE ADVANCED ON BENIN. ANOTHER FMG COLUMN REPORTED
PUSHING FROM OKITIPUPA INTO INTERIOR MIDWEST. RELEASE
ALSO STATES FMG FORCES HAVE TAKEN "OGUGU IGARA AND
CEMENT TOWN OF UKPILLA" IN NORTHERN AREA OF MIDWEST AND

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ARE ADVANCING SOUTHWARD (TOWARD AUCHI AND/OR AGENEBODE).
"VERY HEAVY REVERSES WERE SUFFERED BY REBELS DURING
WEEKEND FIGHTING; HUNDREDS OF REBELS WERE KILLED".
COMMENT: CEMENT FACTORY AT UKPILLA NOT YET COMPLETED.

2. FMG RELEASE ALSO REPORTS FEDERAL TROOPS IN "ENUGU SECTOR"
ARE ADVANCING ON SEVERAL FRONTS AND NOW "DOMINATE SUPPLY
AND COMMUNICATIONS LINES NORTH" OF ENUGU.

3. FMG CLAIMS "REBEL TROOPS" IN WARRI HAVE MUTINIED AND
HAVE REFUSED TO BE SENT TO ORE FRONT AS REINFORCEMENTS.
"REBELS HAVE LOST CONTROL OF THIS IMPORTANT PORT", ACCORD-
ING FMG. DAILY PRESS TODAY GAVE LARGEST SPACE TO MUTINY
REPORT. COMMENT: IBADAN 125 AUG 28 REPORTED BAPTIST

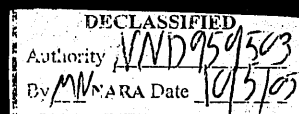
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MISSION HOSPITAL AT ERU, NORTH OF WARRI, EXPECTED "STAFF
AND PATIENT LOAD CHANGE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY". THIS COULD
INDICATE FIGHTING NEAR WARRI.

4. POSSIBLY RELATED TO MUTING REPORT IS PRESS STORY AUGUST 28
THAT OLU OF WARRI MADE "DRAMATIC ESCAPE" TO LAGOS OVER
WEEKEND TO AVOID "BEING USED" BY OKONKWO GOVERNMENT. OLU
IS ON MIDWEST ADVISORY COUNCIL (LAGOS 1727) WHICH RETAINED
SAME MEMBERSHIP AS BRIGADIER ERBOR AS COUNCIL OF CHIEFS.
CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT IN 1965 HAD REMOVED OLU FROM OFFICE
FOR CORRUPTION BUT AGAINST WISHES OF WARRI PEOPLE. EJOOR
HAD RE-INSTATED OLU AGAINST ADVICE HIS CIVIL SERVANTS.
EVIDENTLY OLU RETAINS SOME POPULAR SUPPORT IN SPITE HIS
KNOWN CORRUPTION AND FMG NOW TAKING PROPAGANDA ADVANTAGE
OF IT.

5. MONDAY NEWSPAPERS ALSO REPORT SPEECH BY COMMISSIONER
FOR LABOR AND INFORMATION ENAHORO TO LAGOS RESIDENTS FROM
ISAHAN TRIBE IN MIDWEST. ENAHORO, AN ISHAN, DWELT AT LENGTH
ON FMG CLAIM THAT MIDWEST TAKE-OVER WAS "IBO COUP" AND

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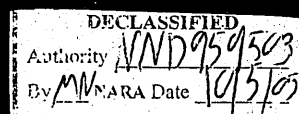
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ISHAN PEOPLE WERE "TAKEN BY SURPRISE". MEETING PASSED
RESOLUTIONS CALLING FOR CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE AND GUERRILLA
WARFARE AMONG ISHANS IN MIDWEST AND CALLED ON IFLAN MEN
IN LAGOS TO VOLUNTEER FOR MILITARY SERVICE WITH FMG.

6. WEST AFRICAN PILOT AND DAILY TIMES AUGUST 29 REPORT
STATEMENT IN LAGOS BY "PRESIDENT MIDWESTERN STUDENTS
IN LONDON" O.#EVBUOMWAN AND COLLEAGUES STATING THAT MORE
THAN 1514 MIDWEST STUDENTS IN UK HAVE ABANDONED STUDIES
AND VOLUNTEERED TO FIGHT SIDE BY SIDE WITH FMG TROOPS.
EVBUOMWAN SAID MORE THAN 4,000 MIDWEST STUDENTS IN UK
HAVE ALREADY AGREED TO SUBSCRIBE POUNDS 20 STERLING EACH TO
WAR EFFORT AND APPEALED TO "ALL OBAS, OBIS, OVIES, AND
ONOGIES" IN MIDWEST NOT TO COOPERATE WITH REBELS IN ANY
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Honorable Abraham Ribicoff
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Dear Senator Ribicoff:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on Professor Henderson's views on the situation in Nigeria. Several officers of the Department of State have also heard from Mr. Henderson on this subject, while Senator Kennedy, to whom I am replying in a similar vein, has also inquired on his behalf.

Regarding U.S. efforts to bring about an end to the violence in Nigeria, we have for over a year been urging all Nigerian leaders to seek a peaceful resolution of their differences. We have pointed out to them the advantages of maintaining the country as a unit and the tragic consequences which would stem from disintegration of the federation and of civil war. In addition, we encouraged other African states in their attempts to use their good offices in settling the dispute peacefully. Unfortunately, those efforts met with little success.

Since the outbreak of hostilities, the Federal Military Government has made it clear that any further outside efforts to bring about negotiations now would probably be quickly rejected as interference in Nigeria's internal affairs and as unfriendly to that Government. Even attempts by other African states toward this goal have thus far been turned aside by the Nigerians.

It therefore appears that the kind of real pressure Professor Henderson has in mind would not be helpful, at least for the time being. Nevertheless, on every appropriate occasion we will be alert to help end the hostilities and to encourage opportunities for a peaceful settlement of Nigeria's problems.

We share Professor Henderson's concern about the financial strain on Eastern Nigerian students in the United States resulting from the present conflict. Direct U.S. Government assistance, even if such funds were available, might seriously damage our relations

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with the Federal Military Government, which we continue to recognize as the only Government of Nigeria.

We are, however, consulting with university officials and private organizations to see what can be done on an informal basis for these students.

I hope the foregoing information will be helpful to you in replying to Professor Henderson.

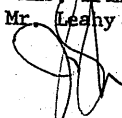
Sincerely yours,



William B. Macomber, Jr.
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Mr. William B. Macomber, Jr.
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Dear Mr. Macomber:

✓ One of my constituents, Assistant Professor Richard Henderson of Yale University, is deeply concerned about recent political developments in Nigeria. He has spent two years in the area and is very well informed. Because he has brought to my attention some of the most disturbing aspects of the civil war in Nigeria, I would like to make two inquiries:

- (1) Has the Department of State exerted strong pressure on the parties involved to stop the violence?
- (2) Are there any pressures for aid to Biafra students studying in this country?

Professor Henderson tells me that these students are under tremendous strain and some of them will need financial assistance.

I would appreciate a report with regard to these questions.

Sincerely,

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The Consulate reported in the reference airgram that Ogoja Town had been sacked after the Federal troops had secured the area. On August 25 and American missionary formerly stationed in Ogoja Province gave the Consulate additional information on the looting which followed the fall of Ogoja Town to Federal troops. The missionary had obtained the information from one of several Ogojan natives who recently visited Jos on trading passes.

The sacking of Ogoja Town followed on the heels of the advancing Federal troops. In Ogoja the indigenous residents, the Ishivori, sacked only Ibo residences and shops, but then Tiv tribesmen arrived from the Obudu area and began looting both Ibo and non-Ibo shops and residences. The Tivs may have looted homes and shops elsewhere across the border because the missionary has also learned that his own house in Alifokpa had been sacked by the Tivs, (Alifokpa lies north of Ogoja Town near the Tiv border), and his steward badly cut up by the attacking Tiv tribesmen.

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1. COMMUNIST NIGERIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS ISSUED PRESS
RELEASE SATURDAY TWENTY-SIXTH EXPRESSING "UTMOST SATISFAC-
TION AT THE PROMPT INITIATIVE SHOWN BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT IN OPENLY PURCHASING FROM THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES
MILITARY EQUIPMENT FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE FATHERLAND".
STATEMENT CALLED ACTION AN AFFIRMATION OF NIGERIAN SOVER-

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EIGHTY AND REFLECTION OF NON-ALIGNED POLICY OF FMG.

2. NTUC BRANDED US AND UK "NEOCOLONIALIST CIRCLE" AS GREATEST ENEMIES OF NIGERIAN UNITY AND DEMANDED:

A) IMMEDIATE CLOSURE ALL REGIONAL OFFICES US, UK, AND WEST GERMANY;

B) REPATRIATION OF PEACE CORPS, EXPATRIATE REPS OF THE ICFTU AND AALC, AND "ALL DUBIOUS FOREIGNERS".

3. STATEMENT ALSO CALLED FOR FIVE PERCENT OF SALARIES OF NIGERIAN WORKERS TO BE CONTRIBUTED TO TROOP COMFORT FUND, AND WENT DOWN LINE FOR FMG POLICY. HAILED CREATION OF HOME GUARD; WARNED AGAINST "DECEPTIVE SUGGESTION OF

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NEGOTIATIONS" WITH OJUKWU; CALLED ON MIDWEST WORKERS TO "DESERT THEIR TABLES AND LAUNCH SABOTAGE AGAINST PUPPET REGIME OF OJUKWU".

4. RELEASE REPORTED IN PAPERS WITH HEADLINES SUCH AS "GET THEM PACKING" IN GOVERNMENT CONTROLLED SUNDAY POST. FRONTPAGED IN NTUC WEEKLY ADVANCE: "AMERICANS MUST GO--NTUC". (ADVANCE STORY OMITTED ITEM ON CONTRIBUTION OF FIVE PERCENT OF SALARY.)

5. ADVANCE CARRIED AUGUST 22 "NEWSTALK" ITEM (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED) ALLEGING DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT REGRETTING USSR SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA "AN AMAZING AND UNPRECEDENTED REPUDIATION OF AMBASSADOR MATHEWS' RINGING REASSURANCES... THAT US RECOGNIZES (ONLY) FMG". OTHER ARTICLES CARRY DISCUSSION ON "DIPLOMATIC MOVES TO SET UP AMERICAN MILITARY BASE IN GHANA "AGAINST NIGERIA, THE GIANT OF AFRICA" AND FURTHER ATTACKS ON CIA--" THE MOST DEADLY ENEMY OF PROGRESS IN AFRICA."

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CURRENT REACTION, ATTN: ZOP/R, IBS, IPSI TAA

1. ACCRA, AUG 28 -- THE UNITED STATES PROTEST AGAINST THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA BY THE SOVIET UNION WAS THIS MORNING TERMED A "COUNTERBLAST" BASED ON A U.S. "DIPLOMATIC MISCALCULATION" BY A WRITER FOR THE KUMASI PIONEER.

2. KWAME KESSELAU, IN HIS DAILY "ACCRA DIARY" COLUMN, WROTE THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS "ONE OF THE FIRST NATIONS TO WHOM THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA APPLIED FOR EXPORT

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PERMIT TO BUY ARMS ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS" BUT WAS TURNED DOWN BY THE U.S. "WITHOUT PROPER INVESTIGATION" AND AFTER A STATEMENT SAYING THAT NIGERIA HAD APPLIED FOR ARMS AID BUT WAS REFUSED.

3. "THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO LOOK ELSEWHERE FOR NATIONS WHO WERE PREPARED TO TRADE WITH THEM," THE COLUMNIST SAID. "IF NIGERIA TURNED TO RUSSIA, IT IS THE FAULT OF AMERICA."

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4. KESSE-ADU CONTINUED: "THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REFUSED TO PLAY THE GOOD SAMARITAN AND WE CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY SHE IS COMPLAINING TODAY ABOUT THE DOCTOR TO WHOM THE SICK-MAN HAS APPLIED FOR AID."

5. THE PIONEER COLUMNIST ASKED AMERICA'S PENTAGON FOR A "FRESH SEARCH FOR A REALISTIC POLICY IN NIGERIA", ADDING THAT THE PRESENT STAND "GIVES PSYCHOLOGICAL ADVANTAGE TO BIAFRA--AND IS A COLD WAR COMPLICATION."

6. CITING AMERICAN ACTIVITY IN VIETNAM AS WELL AS THE U.S. CIVIL WAR AND THE MONROE DOCTRINE AS EXAMPLES OF U.S. EFFORTS

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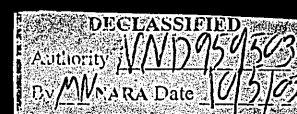
TO PRESERVE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN THE UNITED STATES AND IN OTHER LANDS, KESSE-ADU WROTE: "AMERICAN HAS EVERY HISTORICAL SUPPORT TO AID NIGERIA MAINTAIN HER INTEGRITY AND ONENESS. THERE CAN BE NO PEACE IN NIGERIA IF THE BIG POWERS USE THE COLD WAR TECHNIQUE OF GIVING MORAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ENCOURAGEMENT TO THE LEADER OF BIAFRA."

7. "I AM SURE THE BIG POWERS DO NOT WANT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FIGHT THIS WAR WITH EMPTY HANDS; AND IF THEY WILL NOT GIVE HER THE MEANS TO FIGHT, THEN IT IS ONLY REASONABLE TO SUGGEST THAT THEY SHOULD LEAVE NIGERIA ALONE," THE COLUMNIST CONCLUDED.

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1. DR. E. BURKS, HEAD BAPTIST MISSION IN NIGERIA, INFORMED CON-
SULATE TODAY THAT ON AUGUST 27 THEY HAD RECEIVED CRYPTIC MESSAGE
FROM THEIR HOSPITAL LOCATED IN EKU 15.50N-6.05E IN MID-WEST
THROUGH GULF OIL RADIO HOOKUP IN OGROMOSHO (6787.5 KC/S). EKU
REPORTED "STAFF AND PATIENT LOAD EXPECTED CHANGE ALMOST IMMED-
IATELY." THEY REQUESTED OGROMOSHO MONITOR RADIO AT ALL HOURS.
WHEN OGROMOSHO ASKED IF EKU RADIO WOULD BE UP ALL OF TIME, RE-
SPONSE WAS "IF WE HAVE NEED TO AND ARE ASKED." DR. BURKS NOT PRE-

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SENTLY WORRIED ABOUT SITUATION, BUT CONSULATE WISHES MAKE SURE
EMBASSY AND CONSULATE ENUGU ARE AWARE THAT FOLLOWING NUMBERS
ANCITS REMAIN EKU: FIVE MEN, SIX WOMEN, J
DHTWO CHILDREN. INAMES

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LAGOS 1978

1. FURTHER MANIFESTATIONS OF ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN IN
PRESS APPEARED IN WEST AFRICAN PILOT AND DAILY TIMES AUGUST
28. COMMUNISTS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF SITUATION TO JOIN IN
ATTACKS ON US.

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2. PILOT CARRIED STORY REPORTING LAGOS UNIVERSITY MEDICAL
STUDENTS UNION STATEMENT THAT "IN THE EXTREME, THEY WOULD
RECOMMEND THAT THE FMG SHOULD BREAK OFF DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH THE US IF THAT COUNTRY CONTINUED TO EMBARRASS
THE REPUBLIC" IN MAINTAINING NIGERIA'S TERRITORIAL

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IN EGRITY. STATEMENT ALSO COMPLAINS OF "AMERICAN DECLARATION THAT NIGERIA IS A BRITISH RESPONSIBILITY, COMPLETELY DISREGARDING OUR STATUS AS A SOVEREIGN, INDEPENDENT NATION".

3. TIMES CARRIED LONG STATEMENT BY "COMMITTEE OF TEN" WHO ARE PUBLISHERS OF AFRICAN STATESMAN, A FAR LEFT-WING NIGERIAN QUARTERLY. GIST OF ARTICLE IS THAT NIGERIA'S CLOSE TIES WITH WEST HAVE HERETOFORE PRECLUDED NIGERIA'S BENEFITTING FROM "CLOSER ASSOCIATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES". ALLEGED INTENTION OF US AND UK IS TO WEAKEN INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES BY "BALKANIZATION"; THIS WOULD EXPLAIN "COVERT AND OVERT SUPPORT WHICH BRITAIN, US, ISRAEL, WEST GERMANY AND FRANCE HAVE BEEN GIVING TO OJUKWU'S

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REBELLIOUS JUNTA". ARTICLE TAKES STANDARD COMMUNIST, ANTI-COLONIAL LINE BUT IS NOTWORTHY FOR ENDING UP WITH DENUNCIATION OF CIA, CLAIMING SPURIOUS AMERICAN AND BRITISH AGENCIES EMPLOYING WELL-KNOWN INTERNATIONAL SPIES DISGUISED AS RESEARCH FELLOWS, PEACE CORPS, CROSSROADERS, USAID, WHO "SCATTERED ALL OVER AFRICA UNDERMINING INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES".

4. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL NOTE THAT AFRICAN STATESMAN HAS FOLLOWING MEMBERS ON ITS EDITORIAL BOARD:
A. ADE THOMAS, EDITOR-THOMAS IS ARCHITECT BY PROFESSION AND MEMBER CENTRAL COMMITTEE SOCIALIST WORKERS AND FARMERS PARTY (SWFP). SWFP IS COMMUNIST PARTY OF NIGERIA WHICH, ALONG WITH ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, HAS BEEN BANNED BY PRESENT FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT.
B. SOBO SOWEMIMO, AKA SAMUEL A. SOWEMIMO-IS LAWYER AND LEGAL ADVISOR 1962-63 TO NIGERIAN YOUTH CONGRESS, PREDECESSOR TO AND NOW FRONT FOR SWFP.
C. FUNMI JIBOWU-ALSO A LAWYER, MEMBER OF

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LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LAGOS 1953

1. SUSPICIOUS ATTITUDE OF FMG TOWARDS ANY ATTEMPT TO
END CIVIL WAR SHORT OF TOTAL FMG VICTORY INDICATED BY
EXPERIENCE OF CHIEF AKINFOSILE, FORMER FEDERAL MINISTER
OF COMMUNICATIONS AND A LEADER NCNC PARTY IN WESTERN
NIGERIA UNDER CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT, IN TALK WITH EMBOFF
AUGUST 26. SHORTLY BEFORE MIDWEST INVASION AKINFOSILE
SAID HE SUGGESTED PRIVATELY TO SENIOR YORUBA OFFICIALS

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OF FMG THAT HE BE GIVEN PERMISSION FROM FMG TO CONTACT FORMER IBO FRIENDS IN ENUGU IN ORDER TO ATTEMPT NEGOTIATION WITH ANTI-OJUKWU AND PRO-FMG ELEMENTS WHICH AKINFOSILE CONVINCED MUST EXIST IN REBEL TERRITORY. YORUBA OFFICERS WARNED THAT AKINFOSILE WOULD BE PUT IN PRISON IF HE EVEN APPLIED FOR PERMISSION TO CONTACT

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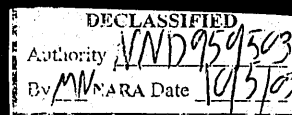
2. AKINFOSILE, LONG-TIME LAGOS RESIDENT AND ARDENTLY PRO-GOWON, WAS AFRAID OF ARREST BY FEDERAL SOLDIERS WHEN OKITIPUPA WAS REPORTED CAPTURED ON AUGUST 21. AKINFOSILE SAID THAT IF OKITIPUPA PEOPLE HAD BEEN REPORTED TO LAGOS AS GLAD TO SEE BANJO'S "LIBERATION ARMY," THEN AKINFOSILE, WHO FRIPUPA# IN FEDERAL PARLIAMENT, WOULD AUTOMATICALLY HAVE COME UNDER SUSPICION AND WOULD HAVE BEEN ARRESTED.

3. ACCORDING AKINFOSILE, BANJO WOULD BE WELCOMED AS HERE IF HE REACHES IJEBU-ODE AREA MERELY BECAUSE BANJO IS IJEBU TRIBESMAN. MATHEWS

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*LAGOS 1929
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1929

SUBJECT: FMG PRESS CONFERENCE

FMG COMMISSIONER INFO ENAHORO TODAY CONDUCTED BRIEFING FOR
40 CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING RUSSIANS. FOLLOWING ARE
PRINCIPAL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON:

PAGE 2 RUTALS 1929CC C O N F I D E N T I A L
1. WAR CABINET: ENAHORO SAID "WAR CABINET" HAD BEEN SET
UP WITH "FEW MEMBERS". PURPOSE OF WAR CABINET WILL BE TO
"PROSECUTE WAR AND END IT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE". ENAHORO
DID NOT REPEAT NOT GIVE NAMES OF CABINET. DIVULGED ONLY

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THAT BOTH CIVILIANS AND MILITARY ON IT AND THAT CABINET PLANNED MEET DAILY. IN RESPONSE FURTHER QUESTIONS HE EMPHASIZED CREATION WAR CABINET IN NO WAY CHANGED GOWON'S POSITION AS HEAD OF FMG AND COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF. RATIONALE FOR CABINET LAY IN FACT FMG NO LONGER CONDUCTING "POLICE ACTION" BUT NOW "IS AT WAR". COMMENT: ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DOES NOT AS YET HAVE SOLID INFO ON ENTIRE MEMBERSHIP WAR CABINET, OUR PRELIMINARY SURMISE IS THAT THIS ACTION FORMALIZES WORKING RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS DEVELOPED SINCE OUTBREAK HOSTILITIES. CABINET DOES INCLUDE CHIEF AWOLowo, CHIEF ENAHORO, JOSEPH TARKA.

2. WAR SITUATION: ENAHORO SAID SITUATION AROUND ORE "NOT REPEAT NOT DELICATE ANY LONGER", AND FMG TROOPS ARE "IN THE AREA". ALLEGED THERE HAD BEEN "CONSIDERABLE ADVANCE TOWARD ENUGU". IN NSUKKA SECTOR, BUT REFUSED TO DEFINE "CONSIDERABLE". HE CONFIRMED THERE

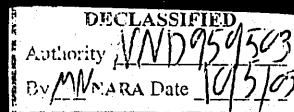
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HAD BEEN "ACTION" AT OKITIPUPA WHICH NOW "IN FEDERAL HANDS". ENAHORO REFUSED COMMENT ON SOVIET JETS. REGARDING PILOTS, WOULD ONLY SAY NIGERIA HAD JET PILOTS TRAINED IN CANADA, INDIA AND WEST GERMANY. ENAHORO CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF RUSSIAN TECHNICIANS, WOULD NOT SAY HOW MANY NOR HOW LONG THEY WOULD STAY. IN RESPONSE QUESTION, HE SAID FMG WOULD HAVE PREFERRED BRITISH AIRCRAFT BUT HAD NO ALTERNATIVE TO PURCHASE FROM SOVIETS.

3. REGARDING FOREIGN MERCENARIES, ENAHORO SAID "SO FAR, ALL PEOPLE CONNECTED WITH THE WAR ARE NIGERIANS, ALTHOUGH WE DO HAVE A NUMBER OF FOREIGN PERSONNEL ON CONTRACT". (HE REFERRED TO EXPATS IN NAVY SINCE INDEPENDENCE). ENAHORO REPEATED NIGERIANS CONDUCTING THE WAR BUT "RESERVED RIGHT" TO HIRE MERCENARIES. HE CONCLUDED EXCHANGE ON THIS SUBJECT BY SAYING "IT DOES NOT MEAN WE GOING HIRE MERCENARIES TOMORROW".

4. WHEN ENAHORO QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER IT VALID TO SAY U.S. ZWA
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DER INSURE OIEXA# SUPPLY"

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AS CHARGED IN LOCAL PRESS, HE REPLIED, "U.S. PLAYING GAME
WHICH DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND, BUT U.S. PLAYING GAME FOR
REASONS THEY KNOW". REASONS UNSPECIFIED. WHEN ASKED
DIRECTLY WHAT IS U.S. AIM, HE ANSWERED, "IT BEATS ME".
ENAHORO STATED FMG "DISAPPOINTED" AT U.S. POLICY AS
REFLECTED IN DEPT'S RECENT STATEMENT. HE THEN TICKED
OFF SERIES UNRELATED POINTS WHICH APPARENTLY IRKING FMG:
PRESENCE OF CONSTELLATION AND B-26'S IN EAST, "BIAFRAN"
ACCESS TO DOLLARS FOR MILITARY HARDWARE, CONTINUED
PRESENCE "BIAFRAN" AGENTS IN U.S., ALLEGED LACK OF
ACTION IN RESPONSE FMG NOTICE WITHDRAWAL EX-DIPLOMATS,
PASSPORTS, AND FINALLY DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON SOVIET
ARMS SUPPLY. ENAHORO SAID TAKEN ALTOGETHER, THEY MAKE RATHER
PECULIAR AND ALMOST SUSPICIOUS RECORD.

5. SPECULATION ABOUT FUTURE. AT ONE POINT ENAHORO SPOKE
ABOUT "POSSIBILITIES FOR THE FUTURE". HE SAID THERE
"NOTHING TO BE DISCUSSED" CONCERNING QUESTION EAST'S
INSISTENCE ON SEPARATE SOVEREIGNTY. LATER,

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RUMINATING ABOUT FUTURE, HE SAID "WHEN YOU IN TROUBLE
AND PEOPLE COME TO YOUR AID, THEY NATURALLY HAVE
CLAIM ON YOU. FRIENDS WHO DESERT YOU HAVE NO CLAIM,
HOPE THIS WILL NOT BE TAKEN AS ANY KIND OF THREAT".
MATHEWS

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1930

SUBJECT: PEACE FEELER

WEST AFRICAN PILOT, AUGUST 26, CARRIED 6-COLUMN HEADLINE
"PERSUADE GOWON FOR CEASE FIRE". STORY BUILT AROUND TEXT
OF LETTER FROM SAM ADE OSHISANYA, PRESIDENT OF "PAN
AFRICAN MOVEMENT", TO CHIEF AWOLowo. LETTER SAID "TASK OF

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PERSUADING HEAD OF FMG FOR IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE IS

INCUMBENT ON YOU AS OLDEST AND MOST EXPERIENCED STATESMAN
WITHIN PRESENT MILITARY GOVERNMENT". AWOLowo REQUESTED
USE GOOD OFFICES "PROCURE AN IMMEDIATE CEASE FIRE IN
FAVOR OF FRESH REOPENING OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATION".
WRITER SAID "NOW THAT OJUKWU WILLING HAVE ROUNDTABLE

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CONFERENCE AND NOW THAT MANY AFRICAN LEADERS FAVOR PEACEFUL SOLUTION, I SEE NO REASON WHY WE SHOULD INSIST ON USE OF FORCE". "PEOPLE ARE SUGGESTING A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE WITH OJUKWU AS A FRIEND AND NOT AS A PRISONER". LETTER POINTS OUT EVEN IF OJUKWU CAPTURED IT DOES NOT PUT AN END TO THE PROBLEM.

2. COPIES OF THE LETTER SENT GOWON, WESTERN MILITARY GOVERNOR ADEBAYO, NORTHERN MILITARY GOVERNOR KATSINA, ADMIRAL WEY, AND LAGOS MILITARY GOVERNOR JOHNSON.

3. FRONT-PAGE EDITORIAL SAYS PILOT SUPPORTS OSHISANYA'S IDEA "INTENSELY".

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4. COMMENT: EMBASSY'S INITIAL REACTION IS THAT IT HIGHLY UNLIKELY THIS INITIATIVE KNOWN TO FMG IN ADVANCE, MUCH LESS HAVING FMG BLESSING. OSHISANYA NOT REPEAT NOT IMMEDIATELY KNOWN TO EMBASSY BUT WE CHECKING. NOTEWORTHY THAT ENAHORO IN PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY WHEN ASKED ABOUT STORY IN PILOT, SAID HE KNEW NOTHING ABOUT "PAN AFRICAN MOVEMENT" OR OSHISANYA, AND THAT IF REPORTERS WANTED TO FIND OUT THEY COULD PRESUMABLY GO FIND AUTHOR AS HE HAD SIGNED THE LETTER. GIVEN RECENT FMG STATEMENTS ON OUTSIDE MEDIATION OR GOOD OFFICES; SHARP REMINDER TO WOLE SOYINKA (WHO STILL IN JAIL) THAT POLITICAL ACTIVITY BANNED, AND DETERMINED EFFORT PROSECUTE "WAR", EMBASSY WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED SEE THIS INITIATIVE PROMPTLY AND FIRMLY QUASHED. MATHEWS

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SUBJECT : Bulgarian Comment on the Nigerian Situation

REF :

On August 20 the BCP organ Rabotnichesko Delo carried an editorial commentary on the Nigerian situation which is ironic in view of the publicity given the next day in the West to Soviet arms aid to the Nigerian central government.

The Delo account of course blames Great Britain for having planted "the poisonous seeds of tribal and religious animosity" which are now dividing Nigeria. But the editorial goes on to charge that British oil interests, specifically Shell and British Petroleum, and British banking interests, concerned about their financial investments in the Eastern Region, pressured the British Government to depart from its earlier neutral attitude to take sides. The editorial charges that "the last few days show that in Whitehall, in spite of traditional denials, they have finally taken a decision. Planes with British arms weapons for the Federal Government are already arriving in Lagos."

The editorial is titled "Harmful Intervention" and a reader could draw the logical conclusion that Delo is against any arms shipments to Nigeria. Delo has not tried to explain why the Soviet arms shipments do not constitute intervention.

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| <i>ARMY</i> | | | APPENDED AS AN ENCLOSURE TO THIS AIRGRAM IS THE TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE | | | | | |
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| <i>33</i> | | | DEFENDING NIGERIA'S ACQUISITION OF SOVIET ARMS, THE HIGH COMMISSION | | | | | |
| <i>NSA</i> | | | POINTS OUT THAT "THE ACQUISITION AND IMPORTATION OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT | | | | | |
| <i>NSC</i> | | | IS THE SOLE PREROGATIVE OF A SOVEREIGN STATE." | | | | | |
| <i>6</i> | | | SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA WERE ATTACKED IN THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT | | | | | |
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A lot of interest has been shown in the last few days concerning the way the Federal Government of Nigeria has decided to do its duty and assert its legitimate right to defend the territorial integrity and sovereignty of Nigeria. Some commentators and editors of newspapers appear to be so blinded by their admiration for the rebels in Nigeria that they are not ready to concede to the Federal Government of Nigeria its right to acquire the means of crushing a rebellion within its own territory.

2. It is not a secret that there is not a single African country which does not depend on foreign countries for military equipment. It is also a well-known fact that the acquisition and importation of military equipment is the sole prerogative of a sovereign state. How seriously can one therefore take the advocates of neutrality in the present Nigerian crisis? There has been so far, no word of condemnation from the so-called neutralists against the illegal importation of military equipment by the rebel gang. The same journalists choose to ignore the fact that the B-26 bombers and other instruments of destruction which have been used to terrorise civilians in Lagos, Kano, Kaduna and other cities were not manufactured in Nigeria nor were they legally imported by the Federal authority. Indeed, these neutralists display such morbid enthusiasm in their reporting of the terrorist raids.

3. Some people find it convenient to have rather short memories. They refuse to be honest and answer the most important questions; which people introduced the guns into Nigerian politics? Which people started the whole sordid episode by the cold-blooded murder of the well-respected Prime Minister, Sir Abubakar Tafawa Balewa, the two Regional Premiers, as well as high-ranking loyal Army officers who happened not to originate from one particular part of Nigeria? The originators of these barbarous murders have all along devoted their energies in the past to arming themselves in order to complete their unfinished job of January 14th/15th, 1966.

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4. Those who continue to give encouragement to rebellion inside an independent African state should note that the Nigerian crisis is a test of the real independence and sovereignty of African countries. If rebellion is encouraged and condoned in the name of neutrality, a precedent would have been set to undermine and challenge the sovereignty of other African states.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L OUAGADOUGOU 214

SUBJECT: NIGERIA

1. FONMINISTER ZOROME CRITICIZED SOVIET FURNISHING ARMS TO FED GOVT NIGERIA ICTALKS WITH ME AUGUST 25. BUT HE WAS ALSO DISSATISFIED WITH QUALITY US NEUTRALITY.
2. ZOROME STATED UPPER VOLTA VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RUSSIANS PROVIDING ARMS. WE UNDERSTAND THEM, HE SAID. THEY EN-

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COURAGE YOU OUT INTO THE WATER AND THEN TAKE AWAY THE BOAT. SOVIET INVOLVEMENT ALSO POSED PROBLEM AFRICAN UNITY

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AND DISTURBED AFRICA GENERALLY.

3. AT SAME TIME, VOLTANS APPRECIATED GENERAL GOWAN'S POSITION. HE HAD NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE. ZOROME EMPHASIZED THAT THEY SEE NIGERIA AS HAVING GREAT POSSIBILITIES AND HOPE IT WILL BE EXAMPLE FOR ALL AFRICA. BOTH GHANA AND UPPER VOLTA WERE TRYING BEST, HE STATED, TO ENCOURAGE PEACE AS "WORST PEACEFUL SOLUTION IS BETTER THAN MOST FAVORABLE RESULT AFTER WARFARE."

4. ZOROME OBSERVED THAT WHILE US WAS NEUTRAL IT WAS NOT TREATING FED GOVT AT SAME LEVEL RESPECT AS IN PAST. US WAS NEUTRAL AS BETWEEN LAGOS AND ENUGU. BALEWA WOULD HARDLY HAVE FOUND THIS ACCEPTABLE POLICY TOWARDS NIGERIA. FURTHERMORE, WHILE US GOVT BEING "NEUTRAL" US CITIZENS WERE SUPPLYING ARMS TO BIAFRA. FED GOVT COULD HARDLY DO OTHERWISE THAN ACCEPT SOVIET ARMS AFTER BEING TURNED DOWN BY US GOVT.

5. GIVEN ATTITUDE EXPRESSED BY ZOROME, I STRONGLY SUPPORT LAGOS COMMENTS (LAGOS 1811) AND HOPE STRONGEST MEASURES

PPT WARTON, HENRY ARTHUR

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USED ENSURE WARTON RETURNED DIRECTLY TO US.

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1. UN PERSONNEL RETURNING FROM ONDO REPORT FMG FORCES DUG IN
ABOUT SIX MILES SOUTH OF TOWN. EASTERN FORCES SUPPOSEDLY ONLY
ONE HALF MILE FURTHER ON.

WM WILKES OF EPE BOATYARD AND MUGFORD OF MUSLIM BOY'S
SCHOOL IN IJEBU-ODE SAW BOTH ME AND SMALL OF BDHC SEPARATELY
AFTER DRIVING UP FROM IJEBU-ODE THIS MORNING. THEY REPORT THAT
MAJOR ALLY (IBADAN 113) IS NOW A FULL COL (AFTER BRIEF STOP
AS LT COL) AND APPARENTLY IN CHARGE OF ONE OF TWO BRIGADES UNDER

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COL MOHAMMED. ALLEY'S HEADQUARTERS AGE AT MUSLIM BOYS SCHOOL. MOHAMMED'S ORDERS ARE TO MARCH ON BENIN. WILKES ESTIMATES FORCES IN IJEBU-ODE-ORE AREA AT SOMEWHERE IN NEIGHBORHOOD OF 3,000. INSTANCES OF SUSPICIOUS AND HOSTILE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS, ESPECIALLY EUROPEANS, BY SOLDIERS, ARE CONTINUING. WILKES SPOKE WITH EITHER A CAPT OR LT WHO FOUGHT NEAR ORE AND CLAIMS THAT AFTER ONE FIRE FIGHT HE EXAMINED NUMBER OF DEAD BODIES, ONE OF WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE A EUROPEAN VOLUNTEERED THAT BODY WAS NOT RPT NOT CHINESE.

3. COMMENT: IMPORTANCE OF STORY TOLD BY OFFICER AND EARLIER BY SGT (IBADAN 113) IS NOT WHETHER THEY TRUE OR NOT, BUT THAT THESE ARE SUPPOSEDLY EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF MERCENARIES BEING EMPLOYED BY EASTERNERS AND ARE GENERALLY BELIEVED AND CONTRIBUTE TO SUSPICION OF EUROPEANS, PARTICULARLY WHERE THERE ARE TROOP CONCENTRATIONS.
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REF: LAGOS 1851

1. I TOLD EUJUEYITCHIE, SECRETARY TO FMG, THIS MORNING
THAT I HAD HEARD HE AND OTHER FMG COLLEAGUES INTERPRETED
DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT AS INDICATING CHANGE OF US

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POLICY INNIGERIAN SITUATION, AND ASSURED HIM THIS NOT
TRUE. HE RESPONDED THAT FMG HAD BEEN DEEPLY CONCERNED
AT IMPLICATIONS DEPT'S STATEMENT, AND HE WELCOMED MY
ASSURANCE USG POLICY NOT CHANGING. HE THOUGHT EXPLANATIONS
I WAS MAKING TO KEY MEMBERS OF FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
WOULD DO MUCH TO REMOVE APPREHENSIONS WITHIN FMG.

2. EUJUEYITCHIE WENT ON TO SAY, INDICATING HE SPEAKING
PERSONALLY AND FRANKLY, THAT IT WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT

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TO ALLAY SUSPICIONS OF NON-OFFICIAL NIGERIANS, THOSE WHO FOLLOWED FOREIGN AFFAIRS TENDED TO HAVE SIMPLE VIEW OF US-USSR RIVALRY AND CONCLUDED THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT MEANT THAT SINCE USSR HAD SOLD ARMS TO FMG, US WAS GOING TO SUPPLY ARMS TO OJUKWU. UNTIL IT BECAME APPARENT TO THESE PEOPLE THAT THERE WAS IN FACT NO CHANGE IN USG POLICY OF REFUSING ARMS TO BOTH SIDES, THERE WOULD BE CONTINUING CRITICISM OF US.

3. EUJUEYITCHIE ALSO NOTED THAT NIGERIANS COULD NOT UNDERSTAND HOW AND WHY OJUKWU CONTINUED TO RECEIVE ARMS

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FROM WESTERN SOURCES. I COMMENTED THAT CHARGES US

DOING NOTHING TO STOP THIS TRAFFIC UNTRUE AS HE KNEW. I THOUGHT HE AND OTHERS IN FMG WHO AWARE USG EFFORTS SHOULD PROTECTUS FROM THESE CHARGES. HE AGREED.

4. EUJUEYITCHIE WHO MEMBER OF SMALL MIDWEST TRIBE DEPLORED CONSEQUENCES OF TREACHERY BY MIDWEST IBOS WHICH PAVED WAY FOR RAPID SEIZURE OF STATE BY OJUKWU'S FORCES. OTHER MID-WESTERNERS WOULD IN FUTURE FIND IT VERY HARD TO PUT ANY TRUST IN IBOS. I SAID THAT HIS COMMENTS REMINED ME THAT AT RECENT PRESS CONFERENCE AYIDA, PERMSEC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ALSO MID-WESTERNER, HAD COMMENTED THAT IN NEGOTIATIONS TO RESOLVE PEACE STATE BOUNDARIES MIGHT BE NEGOTIABLE AND CITED ASABA AREA AS EXAMPLE. WOULD I BE CORRECT IN INTERPRETING WHAT EUJUEYITCHIE HAD JUST SAID AND WHAT AYIDA SAID IN PRESS CONFERENCE AS INDICATION MID-WESTERNERS WOULD RATHER HAVE IBOS IN ASABA AREA DETACHED FROM MIDWEST AND JOINED TO EAST CENTRAL STATE? EUJUEYITCHIE SAID YES.

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5. I SUBSEQUENTLY TALKED WITH TARKA, COMMISSIONER FOR TRANSPORT. HE GAVE REASONS, WHICH HAVE NOW BECOME VERY FAMILIAR TO ME, WHY HE AND OTHER FMG MEMBERS FEARED DEPT'S STATEMENT MEANT CHANGE IN US POLICY. HE ADDED REASON I HAD NOT HEARD BEFORE--I.E. TIMING OF STATEMENT JUST AFTER FMG REVERSES IN MID-WEST. I REPEATED USUAL ASSURANCES AND REFERRED TO OUR EFFORTS TO IMPEDE FLOW OF ARMS TO OJUKWU. TARKA WHO OBVIOUSLY TROUBLED WHEN WE MET RELAXED AS CONVERSATION PROCEEDED AND INDICATED AT END THAT HE ACCEPTED MY EXPLANATIONS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO DO WHAT HE COULD TO REASSURE OTHER NIGERIANS ABOUT USG INTENTIONS. I THINK, HOWEVER, THAT HE STILL HARBORS DOUBTS AND WILL BE CLOSELY WATCHING OUR WORDS AND DEEDS. TARKA EMPHASIZED AS HAD AWOLowo KEY ROLE OF GOWON IN MAINTAINING WESTERN ORIENTATION OF FMG.
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QUOTED BELOW IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED AUGUST 24 FROM ALHAJI ADEBOLA, PRESIDENT UNITED LABOR CONGRESS, TO GEORGE MEANY. QTE. SIR, "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED:"

1. EVENTS IN NIGERIA WITHIN THE PAST FEW WEEKS HAVE DICTATED THE FORM OF THIS LETTER AND I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE THIS LETTER SERIOUS THOUGHT IN ORDER TO DIRECT THE ATTENTION OF AMERICANS TO THE FACT THAT ACTION OF SOME AMERICANS IN THE PRESENT SITUATION IN NIGERIA IS DISTURBING AND EMBARRASSING.

2. WHEN THE NIGERIAN CRISIS STARTED, IT WAS OUR CANDID OPINION THAT FRIENDLY NATIONS WOULD SYMPATHIZE WITH OUR COUNTRY AND REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT COULD GIVE THE IMPRESSION OF TAKING SIDES IN A MATTER THAT IS PURELY DOMESTIC IN NIGERIA.

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BUT FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH SOME AMERICANS ONE GATHERS THE IMPRESSION THAT SOME AMERICANS DO NOT WISH NIGERIA WELL.

3. FOR INSTANCE, WHEN THE WAR TO CRUSH REBELLION IN THE EASTERN PARTS OF NIGERIA STARTED, IT WAS EVIDENTLY CLEAR THAT NIGERIA WOULD NATURALLY RELY ON FRIENDLY NATIONS TO SUPPLY HER WITH WEAPONS AND MACHINES AND ONE OF THESE COUNTRIES WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. NIGERIA IS A NEW NATION. SHE HAS NO FACTORY FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF WEAPONS AND BOMBERS AND AS SUCH SHE HAS TO BUY FROM FRIENDLY NATIONS. BUT WHAT DID AMERICA DO? WHEN NIGERIA APPLIED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO GRANT HER LICENSE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT DID NOT ONLY TURN DOWN THE REQUEST, BUT WENT OUT TO RIDICULE NIGERIA BY GIVING OUT INFORMATION TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD THAT NIGERIAN WAS BEGGING FOR ARMS FROM THE UNITED STATES.

4. NIGERIA WAS THEN FACED WITH A BIG PROBLEM AND SHE HAS NO ALTERNATIVE THAN TO LOOK FOR ARMS FROM ANY SOURCE IN ORDER TO CRUSH INTERNAL REBELLION. IT IS THIS SITUATION THAT COMPELLED

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NIGERIA TO ARRANGE FOR THE PURCHASE ON CASH OF ARMS FROM THE SOVIET UNION. ON HEARING THIS INFORMATION, THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT IN WASHINGTON STARTED TO GRUMBLE AND THERE IS NOW UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION THAT THE UNITED STATES IS PREPARED TO SELL THE REBELS ARMS WHICH SHE DENIED TO NIGERIA.

5. I DO NOT WANT TO GO INTO THE MERITS AND DEMERITS OF WHAT LED TO THE PRESENT ACTION TO CRUSH THE REBELLION IN THE EASTERN STATES OF NIGERIA BUT SUFFICE IT TO SAY THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA RELUCTANTLY DECLARED WAR ON THE REBELS IN THE EASTERN STATES AFTER SERIES OF NEGOTIATIONS HAD FAILED TO CONVINCE THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE EAST CENTRAL STATE TO REFRAIN FROM TAKING ANY ACTION THAT MAY DISINTERGRATE NIGERIA. THE LAST EFFORTS IN THIS DIRECTION WERE BY THE NATIONAL CONCILIATION COMMITTEE WHOSE CHAIRMAN WAS THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA

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AND SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE CHIEF OBAFEMI AWOLowo, A MAN WIDELY KNOWN FOR HIS COURAGE AND CONVICTION, ALHAJI KASHIM IBRAHM AND CHIEF S.J. MARIERE BOTH OF WHOM ARE RESPECTABLE AND RESPECTED, DR. T.O. ELIAS, THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA AND MR. G.K.J. AMACHREE WHO WORKED IN THE UNITED NATIONS FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME IN NEW YORK.

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6. SINCE THE WAR TO CRUSH REBELLION AND PREVENT DIS-INTEGRATION OF NIGERIA STARTED, NIGERIAN LEADERS HAVE REFRAINED FROM SAYING OR DOING ANYTHING TO EMBARRASS THE UNITED STATES, BUT NOTWITHSTANDING THIS, AMERICAN REACTION HAS NOT BEEN FAVORABLE TO NIGERIA. NEWSPAPER COMMENTS IN AMERICA HAVE BEEN BIASED AGAINST NIGERIA. THERE IS ABUNDANT EVIDENCE THAT THE REBELS IN ENUGU WERE ABLE TO PURCHASE ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS FROM PORTUGAL THROUGH THE INFLUENCE OF SOME AMERICANS AND THE PAYMENTS WERE IN DOLLARS.

7. WORKERS OF NIGERIA DO NOT WANT THE DISINTERGRATION OF THEIR COUNTRY. ALL OF THEM, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, MADE ENTREATIES WITHOUT SUCCESS TO THE FORMER GOVERNOR OF THE EASTERN CENTRAL STATE TO ACCEPT NEGOTIATION. BUT DESPITE ALL THESE EFFORTS, THE THEN GOVERNOR TURNED DOWN THE APPEALS.

8. I AM SURE YOU WILL NOT SUPPORT THE DISINTEGRATION OF NIGERIA JUST IN THE SAME WAY AS WE WILL NOT SUPPORT THE DISINTEGRATION OF AMERICA OR ANY OTHER COUNTRY.

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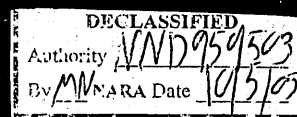
THIS IS THE HOUR OF TRIAL IN NIGERIA. IF ANY COUNTRY DOES NOT WANT TO HELP US, SUCH COUNTRY SHOULD NOT ADD TO OUR PROBLEM. THE INTEREST OF OUR FATHERLAND IS MUCH MORE TO US THAN ANY OTHER CONSIDERATIONS.

9. IT IS SAID "A FRIEND IN NEED IS A FRIEND INDEED."

10. I HOPE YOU WILL USE YOUR GOOD OFFICE TO PREVAIL ON

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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING
ANYTHING THAT WILL STRAIN THE PRESENT RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN NIGERIA AND THE UNITED STATES.
YOURS FAITHFULLY, ALHAJI H.P. ADEBOLA. PRESIDENT. END QTE.
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1. SATURDAY PAPERS MORNING POST AND DAILY TIMES UNDER HEADLINES: "FLC WARNS AMERICA" AND "ULC PROTESTS TO U.S. WORKERS", CARRY REPORTS ON "A LETTER SENT BY ALHAJI HARUNA ADEBOLA, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED LABORERS' CONGRESS TO HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPART, MR. GEORGE MEANY..." TEXT OF THE LETTER IS REPORTED IN EMBTEL 1922.

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2. LABATT LEARNED TODAY (26TH) THAT ADEBOLA WROTE LETTER THURSDAY EVENING, MAILED IT FRIDAY MORNING, RELEASING MIMEOGRAPHED COPIES TO PRESS AT SAME TIME. THERE WAS NO CONSULTATION WITH EXEC COUNCIL, ALTHOUGH GENSECY ADELEKE (WHO OWES HIS POSITION TO ADEBOLA-LAGOS A-32, JULY 16)

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APPARENTLY WAS INFORMED BUT OFFERED NO OPPOSITION. TEXT OF LETTER DOES NOT IMPLY THAT THIS IS FORMAL ULC APPROACH, HOWEVER HEADLINES AND WRITEUP CHARACTERIZE LETTER AS WARNING BY ULC TO U.S. GOVERNMENT AND U.S. WORKERS.

3. ADEBOLA EXPLAINED PRIVATELY THAT PURPOSE HIS LETTER "IS TO FORESTALL THE NTUC PLAN TO ENGAGE IN VIOLENT REACTIONS AGAINST THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT". HE SAYS HE HAS INFORMATION NTUC PLANNING ACTION SATURDAY, SEPT. 2, ON "THE ARMS CRISIS", AND FEELS "MILD REACTION" BY ULC WILL KILL NTUC EFFORT.

4. THERE HAVE BEEN INCREASING COMPLAINTS RECENTLY ABOUT ADEBOLA'S "FAILURE TO CONSULT" FROM SEVERAL ULC OFFICIALS INCLU-

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DING KALTUNGO; OEYEMI (MOTOR DRIVERS); VMI JACK (BUS DRIVERS); ESHIETT (CLERKS); PEPPLE (BANKWORKERS). HOWEVER, OPEN QUARREL OVER OR DISAVOWAL OF ADEBOLA LETTER NOT LIKELY, SINCE IT WOULD BE SEEN AS ANTI-FMG, AND BECAUSE TRADE UNIONISTS HERE UNHAPPY GENERALLY OVER WHAT THEY SEE AS IMPLICATIONS RECENT DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON USSR SUPPLY OF ARMS TO NIGERIA.

5. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT ADEBOLA CALLED HASTY PRESS CONFERENCE AUGUST

18 (LAGOS A-129 AUG 27) ALSO TO ANTICIPATE SOME NTUC ACTION. REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHAT HE HAS PLANNED FOR NEXT FRIDAY.
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1. DELEGATION SPOKESMEN WERE ABUBAKAR ABUTU AND MOHAMMED ABUBAKAR. ABUTU HANDED OVER PROTEST LETTER AND SAID HE DID NOT CARE WHETHER I OPENED IT AT ONE OR LATER. HE SAID PROTEST WAS "OPEN LETTER" AND WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

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HE INDICATED LATER ON THAT DELEGATION HAD NOT COME TO DISCUSS LETTER BUT IN OPENING REMARKS HE SAID THEY EXPECTED A STATEMENT IN REPLY WOULD BE MADE. I TOLD HIM WE COULD NOT SAY WHETHER OR NOT A STATEMENT IN REPLY WOULD BE ISSUED.

2. IN RESPONSE HIS OPENING REMARKS I OUTLINED ESSENTIALS USG POSITION VIS-A-VIS NIGERIAN SITUATION I.E. USG RECOGNIZES FMG AS LEGITIMATE GOVT NIGERIA, USG HAS NO INTENTION RECOGNIZE BIAFRAN OR ANY OTHER SO CALLED GOVT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 120

1. LEWIS OF CHRIST SCHOOL, ADO-EKITI AND BRITISH/AMERICAN AREA
WARDEN, TODAY TOLD ME THAT FIGHTING GOING ON NEAR MID-WEST BORDER
IN ISHUA AREA (7,28N-5,56E). HE SAID THERE SOME MONOR INFILTRA-
TION AT VARIOUS POINTS. ONLY 50 TROOPS IN IKARE IN POSITION STOP
ANY MAJOR EFFORTS BYPASS FMG POSITIONS. ALL BRITISH SAVE ONE BANK
MANAGER PULLING OUT OF IKARE TODAY. HE RECOMMENDED WE MOVE PCV'S
IN EXPOSED POSITIONS IN THIS VICINITY TO LOCATIONS FURTHER BACK.
VIN CONSULTATION WITH WESTERN PEACE CORPS DIRECTION, I GAVE INSTRU-
CTIONS MOVE ONE PCV FROM OKE-AGBE AND ANOTHER FROM AIYEDE-EKITI TO

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HOME/STAN POSTAR IN IDDO-EKITI WHERE THERE IS PC VEHICLE. IN ADDI-
TION, PCV'S BJORKMANS AND CHRISTIAN WILL BE ALERTED MOVE FIRST

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SIGN OF TROUBLE. LEWIS ALSO REPORTED TWO ARMoured VEHICLES SEEN YESTERDAY IN OWO. AMCIT INDEPENDENTLY REPORTED SHE INFORMED BY EXPAT FROM OWO THAT ONLY FIFTY FMG TROOPS IN OWO AS OF 23RD.

2. MCNEIL, SENIOR UAC REP IN WEST, TOLD BDHC THAT HE HAD REPORTS THAT FIGHTING GOING ON IN UZEBBA IN MID WEST NEAR IFON (7.11N-5.56E) ON 24TH. HE SAID THAT DURUKG RADIO CONTACT TODAY WITH NIGERIAN MANAGER AT AND P OPERATION IGBOLUYE NEAR OKITIPUPA (6.4N-4.44E). HE THOUGHT HE COULD HEAR SOUNDS MORTAR FIRE IN BACKGROUND, THOUGH MANAGER REPORTED ALL WELL.

3. ASABIA, PERMSEC MINISTRY OF FINANCE, TODAY TOLD ASST USAID DIRECTOR THAT OVER 2,500 TROOPS IN WEST. (NOT CLEAR WHETHER THIS INCLUDES SOME OR ALL OF RECRUITS REPORTS IN TRAINING.)

4. AMCIT GAVE FURTHER DETAILS CONVOYS REPORTED LEAVING IBADAN AUGUST 24 (IBADAN 111). ALTOGETHER FOUR CONVOYS WITH ABOUT 30 VEHICLES AND 500-600 MEN PASSED ASEJIRE ON IFE ROAD HEADED EASTHYT VARIOUS TIMES YESTERDAY. AMCIT ALSO REPORTS THAT NINE EASTERN

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IBOS TAKEN FROM P AND L DAMSITE BY POLICE AND ONLY TWO RELEASED. ANOTHER EASTERN IBO PICKED UP BY ARMY TODAY. HAVE BEEN NUMBER INQUIRIES BY POLICE AS TO WHO HANDLES DYNAMITE. AS MOST EQUIPMENT OPERATORS AT DAMSITE ARE MID-WESTERN IBOS, P AND L REP WORRIED THAT THEIR DETENTION MIGHT LEAD SHORTAGE TRAINED PERSONNEL AND CURTAILMENT OPERATIONS.

5. BDHC SMALLWOOD, ON INSTRUCTIONS BHC LAGOS, TODAY SAW 2ND AREA COMMANDER LT. NEL. OBASANJO ON TOPIC OF MERCENARIES. ONLY MILITARY INFORMATION DEVELOPED WAS THAT FMG EASTERN FORCES STILL CONTESTING ORE AND THAT IJEBU-ODE AREA NOT NOW UNDER HIS JURISDICTION. OBASANJO FELT THERE LITTLE MILITARY THREAT TO AKURE, ADO-EKITI AND ONDO IN SPITE SMALL SCALE INFILTRATION, AS HIS INFORMATION INDICATED REBEL FORCES IN ADJACENT BORDER AREAS SPREAD TOO THIN TO POSE ANY IMMINENT THREAT. ON MERCENARIES, OBASANJO SAID THAT HE HAD ONLY SECOND-HAND ACCOUNT OF SEVERAL BEING FOUND IN MAKESHIFT ARMoured CAR NEAR ORE. HE APOLOGETIC ABOUT GREEN TROOPS AND POINTED TO LACK

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EXPERIENCED OFFICERS AND NCO'S. HE HAD BEEN DISHEARTENED AT IN-

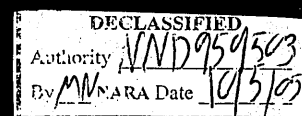
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DISCRIMINATE SHOOTINGS OF SUSPECTED IBOS CAUGHT AROUND ORE (CON-
SULATE HAS HEARD THAT 14 KILLED IN FRONT ITALIAN CONSTRUCTIONS
WORKERS IN ROCK QUARRY FIVE MILES FROM ORE). OBASANJO RAISED WITH
BPHC ARTICLE IN BRITISH PRESS INDICATING THAT HMG MIGHT NOW BE
WILLIN TO TACCEPT "LOOSE CONFEDERATION" AS SOLUTION NIGERIAN PROBLEM.
OBASANJO OBSERVED "LOOSE CONFEDERATION" MIGHT HAVE WORKED WHEN THERE
WERE STRONG REGIONS, BUT WITH CREATION OF STATES ONLY STRONG FED-
ERATION WILL WORK.

6. COMMENT: OBASUTJO APPEARED HIS USUAL STRAIGHT-FORWARD SELF
BUT IT CLEAR THAT IN REPORTING MILITARY SITUATION AND GIVING HIS
VIEWS HE HEWING PRETTY CLOSE TO FMG LINE.

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NIGERIAN AMB HAASTRUP'S PRESS CONFERENCE STATEMENT AUG 23
REPORTED IN ADDIS A-140 POUCHED AUG 24. STATEMENT GENERALLY
ALONG LINES REPORTED PARA TWO REFTEL.

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AMEMBASSY YAOUNDE 638
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DIA
AMCONSUL KADUNA 1465
AMCONSUL IBADAN 1148

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1. IN ADDITION TO GOVERNMENT-BACKED ANTI-AMERICAN CAMPAIGN
IN ALL INFORMATION MEDIA, EMBASSY IS ALSO RECEIVING NUMBER

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NASTY LETTERS.

2. THEME OF MOST IS, NATURALLY, PROTEST USG STATEMENT
DEPLORING FMG ARMS PURCHASE FROM SOVIETS. FOLLOWING EXTRACTS
GIVE TONE OF LETTERS: 6 (A) "WHY IS IT THAT YOU AMERICANS POKE
YOUR STINKING AND HATEFUL NOSES INTO OTHER PEOPLES BUSINESS".

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"DOESN'T YOUR CONSCIENCE EVER BOTHER YOU EVERY TIME YOU USE, FOR PURPOSES OF EXPLOITATION, YOUR MILITARY MIGHT TO ASSIST PEOPLE LIKE TSHOMBE AND OJUKWU TO RUIN THEIR MOTHER LANDS?" (B) "IT'S REALLY SHOCKING THAT YOU ARE DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN YOUR POWER TO SEE THAT SEVEN MILLION IBOS OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGIONS CONTINUE TO LORD IT OVER FIVE MILLION NON-IBOS".

"OJUKWU AND HIS TRIBESMEN WANT TO FULFILL THEIR LIFE-LONG AND STUPIED AMBITION OF IBO DOMINATION WHICH CAN NOT BE POSSIBLE IN A COUNTRY LIKE NIGERIA WHERE 12 NEW STATES HAVE BEEN CREATED SO THAT EACH ETHNIC GROUP MAY HAVE AN IDENTITY."

(C) EMBARRASSED AND DISAPPOINTED AT WASHINGTON'S STATE DEPARTMENT INTERPRETATION OF SOVIER ARMS SALE TO NIGERIA. FISH NOT IN NIGERIA'S TROUBLED WATERS. ABILITY TO CRUSH INTSHNAL REBELLION REMINDED. ARMS PURCHASES FROM RUSSIES PURELY COMMERCIAL." (D) "LET US CALL A SPADE A SPADE. IF

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YOU ARE NOT WITH ME YOU ARE AGAINST ME". (E) "I AM A YORUBA MAN REQUESTING THAT THE AMERICANS WILL APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE IBO ARE NM KILLING YORUBAS FOR NOREASON. IF OJUKWU HAS ANY VENOM HE SHOULD GO TO THE NORTH, BUT HIS INVASION OF THE WESTERN STATE IS OBVIOUSLY UNPROVOKED". MATHEWS.

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6854
INFO AMEMBASSY ACCRA PRIORITY 1067
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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1881

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SUBJ: NIGERIAN CRISIS MEDIATION.

1. FROM INFORMATION AVAILABLE LAGOS, IT CLEAR THAT GENERAL ANKRAH SO FAR HAS PROVIDED ONLY FACILITIES FOR CONFLICTING NIGERIAN LEADERS CONSULT AND THAT HE HAD AVOIDED BECOMING INVOLVED IN SUBSTANCE NIGERIAN ISSUES. FROM LAGOS IT APPEARS ANKRAH HAS SHOWN WISDOM THIS REGARD AND IS CORRECT IN ASSESSMENT THAT NEITHER FEDERAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS NOR REBEL OJUKWU ARE WILLING NOW TO ACCEPT OUTSIDE MEDIATION.

2. RECENT BROADCASTS FROM ENUGU INDICATE OJUKWU WOULD

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WELCOME SOME INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE WHERE HE WOULD BE ACCEPTED IN MANNER WHICH WOULD CONFIRM AND RECOGNIZE EXISTENCE OF "BIAFRA". BUT ENUGU REPORTS MAKE IT CLEAR "BIAFRA'S SOVEREIGNTY" IS NOT NEGOTIABLE SO FAR AS OJUKWU

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CONCERNED. REVERSE EQUALLY TRUE IN LAGOS, WHERE CONDITIONS FOR DEALING WITH REBELLION ACCEPTABLE TO FMG ARE: (1) RECOGNITION OF FMG THROUGHOUT ALL OF NIGERIA; (2) ACCEPTANCE OF 12 STATES DECREED BY GOWON; AND (3) EAST CENTRAL STATE MUST BE REPRESENTED BY IBO LEADERS OTHER THAN OJUKWU (FMG OBVIOUSLY DOESN'T CARE WHETHER OJUKWU IS KILLED OR FLEES COUNTRY, SO LONG AS HE IS PUSHED COMPLETELY OUT OF PICTURE).

3. SINCE FOREGOING POSITIONS ARE IRRECONCILABLE THIS EMBASSY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE SERIOUS MISTAKE FOR USG TO ATTEMPT TO STIMULATE DIRECTLY ANY GOG INITIATIVE. AT THIS TIME, OUR ROLE COULD NOT BE KEPT SECRET AND WOULD BE RESENTED BOTH IN LAGOS AND ENUGU. OUR BEST POSITION IS TO CONTINUE STANCE THAT THIS IS INTERNAL NIGERIAN PROBLEM WHICH MUST BE RESOLVED BY NIGERIANS. THIS POSITION KEEPS OUR SKIRTS CLEAN BUT OF COURSE DOES NOT RULE OUT ANY OVERTURES WHICH ANKRAH OR COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT DECIDE TO MAKE ON THEIR OWN.
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1. ANDREW WILSON, NIGERIAN PORT COMMISSIONER, VISITED POLITICAL COUNSELOR AND EMBOFF AUGUST 24 TO DISCUSS HIS IDEAS ABOUT PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF NIGERIAN CONFLICT. WILSON IS IN LONDON EN ROUTE HOME FROM US WHICH HE VISITED ON LEADER GRANT.
2. WILSON IMPRESSED EMBOFFS AS SERIOUS AND WELL-INTENTIONED. HE IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT NIGERIAN SITUATION (HE SAID HE WAS FROM MIDWESTERN REGION) AND BELIEVES THAT US AND UK SHOULD TAKE LEAD TO BRING ABOUT NEGOTIATIONS. EMBOFFS EXPLAINED DIFFICULTY OF US TAKING LEAD BUT SAID WE STRONGLY SUPPORTED IDEA OF

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NEGOTIATIONS AND BELIEVED AFRICAN MEDIATION WOULD HAVE BEST CHANCE OF SUCCESS.

3. WE SUGGESTED WILSON DISCUSS HIS IDEA WITH EMB LAGOS AND HE SAID HE WOULD DO SO.

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INFO AMCONSUL ENUGU 1931
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1. FBIS ITEM MB51320 QUOTED BELOW:
"UNITED LABOR CONGRESS NIGERIA HWH SAID THAT DURING
THIS TRYING TIME IN THE COUNTRY THE UNITED STATES
HAD NOT DEMONSTRATED TRUE FRIENDSHIP TOWARD NIGERIA.
THIS IS CONTAINED IN A LETTER BY THE ULC TO THE
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL

ORGANIZATIONS.

"FROM WHAT HAS HAPPENED SINCE THE ACTION TO CRUSH
OJUKWU'S REBELLION STARTED, SAYS THE ULC, ONE GATHERS
THE IMPRESSION
ON THAT SOME AMERICANS DO NOT WISH NIGERIA

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WELL. IT RECALLS WITH REGRET THAT WHEN NIGERIA APPLIED
FOR A LICENSE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS,
THE U.S. GOVERN-

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MENT TURNED DOWN THE APPLICATION AND IN ADDITION
RIDICULED NIGERIA BY INFORMING THE WORLD THAT IT WAS
ASKING FOR MILITARY AID. THE ULC EXPRESSES THE HOPE
THAT ITS AMERICAN COUNTERPART WILL PREVAIL UPON THE
U.S. GOVERNMENT TO REFRAIN FROM DOING ANYTHING THAT
WOULD

LD STRAIN THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO
COUNTRIES".

2. LABATT UNABLE CONFIRM SUCH LETTER SENT BY UTW, WHICH WOULD
HAVE BEEN SIGNED

BY OR ON BEHALF PRESIDENT ALHAJI ADEBOLA AND/
OR GENSEC YAYO ADELEKE. HOWEVER, IN VIEW KADUNA'S 201 AND
209 AND FACT ITEM APPARENTLY CARRIES KADUNA ROUTING SYMBOLS,
"LETTER" MAY REFER TO THE ONE EXPECTED BY CONSUL KADUNA
AUGUST 25. IN THIS CASE LETTER WOULD BE FROM ULC NORTH AND
SIGNED BY ABUTU INUWA AND /OR KALTUNGO.

3. AS LATE AS AUGUST 18 ADEBOLA AT GRADUATING CEREMONY MOTOR
DIRVER'S SCHOOL CALLED SCHOOL "SYMBOLIC EXPRESSION CORDIAL
BOND OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN ULC AND OUR AMERICAN FRIENDS
(AND) WILLINGNESS THESE AMERICAN FRIENDS ASSIST US IN BUILD-
ING DEMOCRATIC FREE AND RESPONSIBLE TRADE UNION ORGANIZATION".

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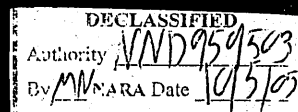
4. AT LUNCH AUGUST 23 WITH LABATT ADEBOLA CARRIED ON EMOTION-
ALLY ALONG LINES AUGUST 22 NEWS TALK ON "TWO FACES OF UNITES STATES"
(PREVIOUSLY REPORTED):

"SINCE CZECH ARMS PAID FOR IN US DOLLARS AND ENUGU HAS NO
DOLLAR RESERVES, US MUST HAVE PROVIDED DOLLARS". ETC.
BALANCE OF CO-

NVERSATION ON POLITICAL SITUATION AND ADEBOLA'S
PAST AND HOPEFULLY FUTURE CONTRIBUTION TO IT. LABATT AND
TUI DIRECTOR FORD IN TOUCH ADELEKE, NDEPPLE AND OTHER EXCO
MEMBERS AUGUST 24, WHO GAVE ABSOLUTELY NO INDICATION ANY
LETTER UNDER CONSIDERATION. CONCLUDES: (1) REPORT ULC
LAGOS SENT LETTER FALSE, OR (2) DECISION REACHED FRIDAY
MORNING, 25TH, AND ANNOUNCEMENT MADE TO PRESS BY ADEBOLA.
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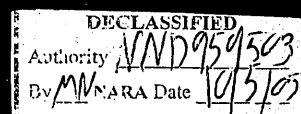
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5. FOR DEPARTMENT AND KADUNA. SUGGEST SLUG LABOR MESSAGES
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August 25, 1967

SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE

The Honourable Dean Rusk,
Secretary of State,
U.S. Department of State,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary,

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Biafra, I wish to express appreciation for the neutral position taken by the Government of the United States concerning the conflict between Nigeria and Biafra.

We recognize that the Government of the United States at the time of Nigeria's Independence seven years ago viewed Nigeria as a country capable of surmounting its sharp tribal and cultural conflicts and setting a worthy example in this regard for other African nations. To assist the people of Nigeria in the pursuit of unity, the United States provided massive technical and other economic assistance. Unfortunately, the inherent conflicts which British colonial administration had moderated but failed to solve became malignant in spite of a sincere effort towards unity by many leaders of Nigeria's several nationalities. The people of Biafra are proud that they were conspicuous among those leaders and are filled with sadness that their hopes were not fulfilled.

You are familiar with the political and regional antagonism in the area leading to the emergence of Colonel Gowon's Government in Lagos which was installed when on 29th July, 1966 he led a mutinous band of Northern Nigeria army officers in a revolt. They murdered the lawful Head of State, General Ironsi, and slaughtered over 200 officers and men of Biafran origin. The only condition under which Gowon's group agreed to halt the slaughtering was two-fold, namely,

- (a) that the North be allowed to break away from the Nigerian Federation, and
- (b) that non-Northern Nigerians living in the North be repatriated forthwith.

This was accepted and the blood-letting subsided. It was, you will recall, only the timely intervention from the Embassies of friendly nations, including the United States, which prevented the implementation of this often-repeated Northern Nigerian objective. As leaders in the drive for unity, Biafrans cannot help but view with bitterness the fact that it is this same Col. Gowon of the Northern Region who has now seen fit to launch a genocidal war of aggression on Biafra

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in July 1967 under the banner of unity.

In September 1966, Northern Nigeria delegation to the constitutional talks in Lagos proposed a customs union based on the East African Common Services Organisation with a provision for each of the four regions to secede unilaterally. Agreement was rapidly being reached to this effect when again some unseen hands intervened and Col. Gowon stopped further progress in the proceedings. The North replied later from 25th September to 4th October with the massacres of Biafrans in the Northern Region with unprecedented savagery. More than 30,000 men, women and children were slaughtered in churches, homes, hospitals, work places and in public places in the ten-day rampage.

Two million others fled back into Biafra, disgraced, bereaved, robbed and penniless. Neither a word of open apology nor expression of sympathy has ever been voiced by the Northern Nigerian leaders. Col. Gowon's Lagos Government, whose soldiers and police joined in the massacres, did nothing to stop the killings, to punish the offenders or to protect and recompense those who suffered. At the time the Biafra Government struggled to rehabilitate the 2 million refugees, Lagos withheld Biafran share of public revenues totalling well over \$30 million.

In January, a meeting held at Aburi near Accra under the neighbourly good offices of the Ghana Government, produced unanimous decisions. For months Col. Ojukwu pressed in vain for implementation of those decisions, but the Lagos Government chose instead to impose on Biafra economic blockade and an attempted creation of three arbitrary "states" to cripple her.

Many prominent Heads of State in Africa offered to mediate the differences peacefully. Biafra accepted every such offer privately and publicly, but the Lagos Government insisted that peaceful mediation meant intervention in Nigeria's domestic affairs. This same Lagos Government went round to all big powers of the world asking for military intervention, which U.S.S.R. and Britain accepted. Now Russian MIGs and British arms have inundated Kano and Lagos airports for the planned extermination of Biafra. To the desperate Lagos Government of Col. Gowon, communist military intervention is better than peaceful friendly mediation by fellow African nations.

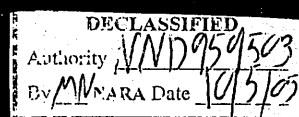
Biafrans are indeed bitter because it was Col. Gowon's refusal to implement agreements freely reached, including the Aburi accords; his utter lack of concern about the Northern atrocities; and his repressive economic measures early this year which led Biafra to declare its independence on 30th May, 1967. As you know, Biafra has fought back in the genuine belief that independence is its only alternative to further massacre. As you also know, Biafra has succeeded in repelling the Northern troops and liberating the Midwestern region.

We do not, however, wish history to judge us on the basis of our military efforts. We wish to be judged as leaders in the development of political solutions which will enable all concerned to turn their resources and attention to economic development. We believe that history, commonsense and compassion for the people affected call for an immediate end to military hostilities and for commencement of discussions among the parties.

Unfortunately, the task of ending the conflict has been made more difficult by the British Government which has seen fit to provide export licence for the sale of arms to Nigeria. Of graver import still has been the recent supply to Lagos of military jet aircraft and technical personnel by the Soviet Union. The

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result of this influx of weaponry will be added loss of lives, increased bitterness and, unfortunately, less likelihood that discussions when held will result in a peaceful settlement. The intrusion of the Soviet Union has further aggravated the situation by introducing international and ideological elements into the conflict.

Those nations which supplied arms recognize that the terrain dictates guerrilla-type warfare and that, notwithstanding sophisticated weaponry, the struggle is of a potentially indefinite duration. These nations also recognise that regardless of the length or outcome of hostilities, Nigeria can never be the same state which it was in early 1966. Nevertheless, they persist in adding fuel to the fire, and by so doing endanger world peace and render more difficult the task of developing statesmanlike solutions.

Our struggle today is not different from the one which your great country braced with the United Kingdom in 1776. And all agree that the Nigeria-Biafra dispute has no relevance to the Congo-Katanga one. Perhaps all should also now realize that the parting of Nigeria and Biafra bears much relevance and similarities to the parting of:

- (a) Holland and Belgium in 1830;
- (b) Great Britain and Ireland in 1921;
- (c) Israel and the Arabs in Palestine in 1948;
- (d) Members of the West Indian Federation in the early 1960s
- (e) Malawi, Zambia and Rhodesia of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland in 1963-64;
- (f) Malaysia and Singapore in 1965.

These countries, besides the peculiar case of Israel, have also been known to build up greater and closer friendship and economic relationship since separation. The happy BENELUX experience of Belgium, Netherlands and Luxemburg, and the ever increasing economic ties between Britain and Ireland are ready examples. The same may very well apply to the Nigeria-Biafra parting.

The main issue today is to bring about peace and stability in the whole area and to develop forms of economic co-operation and integration which will be of maximum benefit to the peoples concerned. The alternative would be an international conflagration and further deterioration in the prospects for ultimate normalcy. Biafra in its declaration of independence called for economic co-operation with all its neighbours. Biafra continues to call for such co-operation and for discussions towards that end.

We believe that all neutral nations should demonstrate statesmanship by asserting their maximum effort, whether direct or indirect, to bring about discussions among the interested parties. Biafra does not ask for arms but rather for active diplomacy on the part of friendly countries. It is time, in our humble opinion, for warriors to rest and the statesmen to act.

We in Biafra will make the maximum effort to facilitate discussions and expect that friendly nations will henceforth put aside utopian sentiments and face seriously the realities of the current Nigeria-Biafra crisis. We hope your

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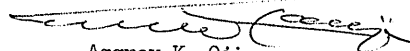
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Government will take its accustomed role as a leading power in the search for peace.

I have the honour to avail myself of this opportunity to renew to the Government and people of the United States of America the assurances of the highest consideration and esteem of the Government and people of the Republic of Biafra.

Yours sincerely,



Aggrey K. Oji,
Special Representative of the
Republic of Biafra in the U.S.

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SUBJECT Ltr to the Secy fm Aggrey K. Oji, Special Representative of the Republic of Biafra in the US dtd 8/25/67 re the neutral position taken by the Government of the US re the conflict between Nigeria and Biafra

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1. Addressees may draw on this message as appropriate to answer questions in discussions with foreign officials arising from August 21 Department statement contained ref tel.
2. US continues to recognize Federal Military Government of Nigeria and does not recognize so-called Biafra regime. Consistent with our long-standing policy of non-involvement in purely internal Nigerian dispute, we are adhering to policy of refusing to sell arms to either side. Speculation by some Nigerians and FMG officials that Department statement forecast shift in these policies simply not true.
3. FMG has assured US that its purchases of Soviet arms "devoid of any ideological commitments." US welcomes and does not question sincerity of those giving assurances. Yet, entry of Soviet arms

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into Nigeria disquieting, not only in Nigeria as latest example, but from general African context where USSR becoming increasingly active. August 21 statement designed in part to indicate that US deeply concerned at this development and in part to help focus African attention on dangers involved.

4. FMG Aide-Memoire protesting our statement delivered to Dept. ~~August~~ August 23. It stresses FMG turned to USSR only after it turned down in "traditional market," including US. Implication therein that US traditional supplier of Nigeria's military equipment does not accord with facts. USG has licensed no arms or ammunition to Nigeria since sale of few 106 mm recoilless rifles and modest amount ammo several years ago. Last delivery those weapons made 1964.

5. Re appearance of US-manufactured weapons (including old B-26 aircraft) in rebel Nigerian hands, we share FMG's concern. We have in fact made every attempt to halt movement of such weapons and equipment to "Biafra." Many of addressees involved in those continuing efforts. USG in fact refusing approve export licenses for any sales of military equipment to rebels. American-made items which have appeared in Eastern Nigeria result from purchases on international arms market over which USG either has no control or insufficient "strings." USG continuing admittedly difficult efforts to prevent any such equipment from reaching rebel hands.

6. While recognizing FMG as only legal government in Nigeria, US has in past urged Nigerians to settle their dispute by peaceful means. Since fighting began US has carefully avoided any action which would have risked

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[deepening conflict, while also urging earliest possible peaceful settle-]
ment. Deep emotions of present struggle make outside attempts at mediation
both difficult and delicate. In last analysis, Nigerian problem is African
one which must be solved by Africans. Nevertheless, US will, in cooperation
with other friends of Nigeria, continue to search for suitable opportunities.

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SECRET SECTION 1 OF 2 0355 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT: UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO. CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.

1. NO EVIDENCE SIGNIFICANT CHANGES MIL SITUATION EITHER SIDE OVER THAT YESTERDAY. THESE FACTORS, HOWEVER, WORTHY OF NOTE: A. REF ENUGU 380 AUG 22, ENUGU 388 AUG 23, ENUGU 96 AUG 24, DATTS CHECK ALL NIGERIAN AND EXPAT SOURCES INFO, TO INCLUDE ARMY AND POLICE SOURCES WITH ACCESS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO UNITS OR POSTS IN TOWNS AND AREAS EFFECTED, LEADS DATT DISMISS AS BASICALLY UNTRUE EASTERN SOURCE OR CLAIMS REF MESSAGES.

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(1) OKITIPUPA BELIEVED IN HANDS FMG TROOPS SINCE 230200. NO CHANGE THERE OR REASONABLY ADJACENT AREAS SINCE THAT DATE.
(2) NO EVIDENCE AT ALL EASTERN FORCES "MOVING ON" OWO AND/OR ONDO. BELIEVE POSSIBILITY LIMITED LOCAL PROBING AND PATROL

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ACTION SOUTH SOBE (IB OWO-BENIN ROAD) BUT NOT BELIEVED ACTION EVEN REACHED IFON JUST NORTH SOBE SAME ROAD. WITH REF CLAIM "MOVING ON ONDO", POSITION FMG TROOPS IN REPORTEDLY STRONG BLOCKING POSITIONS NORTH SIDE BLOWN BRIDGE AJUE (655N452E). NEGATES THIS AS LIKELY POSSIBILITY OTHER THAN EASTERN ATTACK IN FORCE THIS ROUTE OF WHICH NO EVIDENCE THIS MOMENT.

(3) HARD EVIDENCE PRESS AND TC PICTURES, PLUS OBSERVATIONS EXPAT JOURNALISTS LEADS BELIEF FMG FORCES HAVE INDEED BEEN IN OPI AND EHA AMUFU IN FORCE. FMG ARMY AND POLICE SOURCES STILL HOLD THEIR FORCES THESE LOCATIONS THIS DATE.

(4) IDENTIFICATION EHA AMUFU RAIL JUNCTION AS "INCONSEQUENTIAL WHISTLE STOP ON ENUGU-OTURKPO RAIL LINE" DESTROYS SIGNIFICANCE FMG PRESENCE THIS LOCATION. AS DATT HAD POINTED OUT MANY PAST MESSAGES, SIGNIFICANCE LOCATION NOT FACT IT APPROX 25 AIR MILES FROM ENUGU, RATHER, THAT IT LESS THAN FIFTEEN ROAD MILES

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TO IMPORTANT TOWN NKALAGU ON ENUGU/ABAKALIKI ROAD WHICH EASTERN FORCES COULD ILL AFFORD HAVE IN FEDERAL HANDS. FURTHER, SHOULD BE READILY APPARENT SHOULD FMG BE ABLE HOLD EHA AMUFU, LOGISTIC SITUATION (IN SO FAR AS TRANSPORT FACTOR GOES) WOULD BE CONSIDERABLY SIMPLIFIED FOR THEM IN ATTEMPT SUPPORT OPERATIONS ENUGU/ABAKALIKI AREAS.

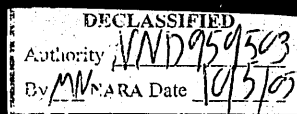
(5) FMG FORCES (ARMY AND POLICE) HAVE MAINTAINED CONTINUOUS COMMUNICATIONS WITH POSTS IDAH AND AGENEBODE (WEST OF RIVER ACROSS FROM IDAH) BOTH OF WHICH HELD BY FMG FORCES WHICH HAVE REPORTED NO CHANGE IN SITUATION.

(6) RECOGNIZED THAT ALL OR SOME ABOVE SITUATIONS SUBJECT CHANGE OR RECHANGE WITH PASSAGE TIME. DATT, HOWEVER, ACCEPTS SITUATION THESE AREAS THIS DATE, AND FOR PERIOD REPORTED ON BY EASTERN MIL AND CIV SOURCES, AS INDICATED ABOVE.

B. FMG TWO BRIGADE FORCE ALLOCATED LTC MUHAMMED SEEMS TO BE GROWING IN MAGNITUDE WITH EACH PASSING DAY. DO NOT PICK UP AS FIRM OB AS YET, BUT STRONG INDICATION IS THIS FORCE WILL BE DESIGNATED "SECOND DIVISION" WHICH IMPLIES THREE BRIGADES AND WOULD THUS, POSSIBLY ENCOMPASS OPERATIONS INTO MID-WEST FROM OKENE AREA. HOWEVER, DETAILS ACTUAL FORCE ORGANIZATION THIS

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FRONT NOT YET COMPLETELY CLEAR. BELIEVE, HOWEVER, DIVISIONAL
ORGANIZATION UNDER MUHAMMED MAY WELL EMERGE THIS FRONT.

C. BASED REPORTS RELIABLE OBSERVERS AT AIRPORT, AIR SHIPMENTS
ARMS AND AMMO OBSERVED ARRIVING LAGOS (IKEJA) DAILY AND ON
CONTINUING BASIS. ON 24 AUG ONE "BUA CARGO PLANE" (TYPE UN-
IDENTIFIED) UNLOADED "PLANE LOAD" 81 MM MORTAR AMMO. (AS
REPORTED YESTERDAY THIS ITEM APPARENTLY SHORT SUPPLY
SOUTHERN FRONTS. THUS, FORCE FEED FROM OVERSEAS SUPPLIERS
OBVIOUSLY IN PROGRESS). ALSO ON 24 AUGUST, TWO "BRITANNIA
CARGO PLANES" UNLOADED AT IKEJA. ONE CONTAINED LOAD 7.62MM
SMALL ARMS AMMO; OTHER CONTAINED LOAD AMMO FOR CARL GUSTAF
(SWEDEN) 84MM RECOILESS RIFLES (ORGANIC TO NIGERIAN ARMY).

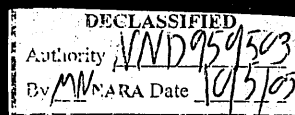
D. IN ADDITION, SEA SHIPMENTS CONTINUE ARRIVE. IN ADDITION
20,000 ROUNDS 81MM TAMPELLA MORTAR AMMO WHICH ARRIVED APAPA
NIG NAT LINE VESSEL NNAMDI AZIKIWE 24 AUG (REF PAR IC, MY
SECRET MSG 0354 AUG 67) AS PART OVERALL SHIPMENT 125 TONS
AMMO PALM LINE VESSEL "BADAORY PALM" WHICH ARRIVED LAGOS
LATE AFTERNOON 24 AUG, ORDERED INTO HARBOR AHEAD VESSELS
ALREADY WAITING AND CARGO AMMO (FURTHER DETAILS UNKNOWN)
IMMEDIATELY STARTED UNLOADING INTO WAITING NIGERIAN ARMY TRUCKS.

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E. TOTAL REQUISITION BY NIGERIAN ARMY ON BEWAC CORP FOR LAND
REVERS (SAME REF AS ABOVE) IS 250. BEWAC EXPECTS MAKE TOTAL
DELIVERIES IMMEDIATE FUTURE BY GIVING TOTAL IMPORTS TO NIGERIAN
ARMY UNTIL REQUISITION FILLED.

2. SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT FMG OB CHANGES EFFECTIVE THIS DATE:
A. COLONEL EYO OKOM EKPO, EASTERN MINORITY TRIBESMAN (EFIKI)
BECOMES CHIEF OF STAFF SUPREME HEADQUARTERS. JOB LAST HELD
BY BRIGADIER OGUNDIPE UNDER IRONSI. JOB INVOLVES COORDINATION
SUPREME HQ LEVEL ACTIVITIES ALL THREE MIL FORCES AND POLICE.
EKPO IN RANKS TEN YEARS OF WHICH THREE AS WARRANT OFFICER.
COMMISSIONED EATON HALL OCS (U.K.) MAR 58. PROMOTED COLONEL

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TO JUNE 67. WILL DISPOSED TOWARD DATT AND US.
B. LTC ILIYA BISALLA, ACTING CHIEF ARMY STAFSN CONFIRMED CHIEF
OF STAFF ARMY. BISALLA IS CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELTER (GINDIRI-
NON TIV), SANDHURST GRAD, CAMBERLY STAFF COLLEGE GRAD, VERY
HIGHLY THOUGHT OF ALL CONCERNED.
C. LTC SULE APOLO FROM COMMAND NSUKKA SECTOR TO CHIEF "G"
BRANCH ARMY HQ TO REPLACE BISALLA.
D. MAJOR THEOPHILLUS YAKUBU DANJUMA, CHRISTIAN MIDDLE BELTER
(TIC), JUST RETURNED CAMBERLY STAFF COLLEGE TO COMMAND NSUKKA
FRONT. DANJUMA IS 1963 GRAD US ARMY SPECIAL WARFARE SCHOOL
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3. WITH RESPECT NIGERIAN AIR FORCE JETS:

A. US PILOT OBSERVED "FOUR MIG 15S ASSEMBLED KANO AIRPORT 23
AUGUST 67. SOURCE SAW "TOTAL ELEVEN MIGS" VARIOUS STAGES
ASSEMBLY (INCLUDED FOUR ASSEMBLED) IN AREA.
B. FIVE CZECH JET DELFIN L-29S WHICH ARRIVED LAGOS ABOARD
POLISH VESSEL KRAKOW (SEE PAR 4 MY SECRET MSG 0336 AUG 67) 15
AUGUST, BROUGHT TO IKEJA AIRPORT BY LOWBOY TRUCK THIS DATE AND

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BEING UNLOADED INTO NAF HANGER AT FIELD. DAY MAP OFFICER
WITNESSED THIS AND REPORTS FIVE ON SCENE. RELIABLE AIRPORT
SOURCE SAID PLANES WOULD BE ASSEMBLED IKEJA AND FLOWN OUT
FROM THERE. SOURCE, WHO IN ABSOLUTE POSITION TO KNOW, SAID

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THAT AT 250100 AUG LOCAL PLANE ARRIVED IKEJA WITH "NINE RUSSIANS ABOARD". SOURCE SAID FOUR PILOTS, TWO RADIO TECHNICIANS AND OTHER THREE UNIDENTIFIED WITH RESPECT SKILLS. SOURCE THOUGHT THEY MIGHT BE INVOLVED ASSEMBLY CZECH PLANES AT IKEJA.

4. WITH CONSTANT MOVE ARMY FORCES TO FRONT, ALL SECURITY IKEJA AIRPORT AS OF THIS DATE TAKEN OVER BY NIGERIA POLICE MOBILE FORCES FLOWN IN FROM NORTH FOR JOB. SEVERAL OF POLICE SAID THEY FLOWN IN SUCH SHORT NOTICE THEY NOT EVEN ABLE NOTIFY WIVES THEY LEAVING.

5. NNS PENELOPE, COMMANDER R. JAMES RAWE BOARD, DEPARTED LAGOS HARBOR 241915 AUG LOCAL. RAWE TOLD DATT HE HAD "SHORT MISSION" BONNY AREA AND WOULD RETURN LAGOS APPROX ONE WEEK. GP-3.

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A. QTE The Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria wishes to call the attention of the United States Government to an official statement released without notification or consultation by the United States Department of State on Monday, August 21, 1967 and to formally register its protest over the statement on the recent purchase of arms from the Soviet Union and other East European countries.

B. The Federal Military Government is concerned over the statement and its implications of a likely great power involvement in Nigeria's internal affairs.

G. I have been authorised by my Government to make formal representations of protest to the Government of the United States and to draw attention to the following specific points:

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(1) That requests were made to United States authorities by the Nigerian Government for the purchase of urgently needed equipment from what is considered Nigeria's traditional markets. United States authorities completely turned down these requests;

(2) Several arms dealers were permitted to make purchases for the rebels in Enugu including aircraft registered in the United States;

(3) Nigeria is fighting a battle for her national survival and the Federal Government has a responsibility to ensure that the necessary equipment required for this battle is obtained. It is a matter for deep regret that her traditional friends have not deemed it fit to be of assistance to her;

(4) Purchase of arms from the Soviet Union and from other places are strictly commercial, and are devoid of any ideological commitments as far as the Federal Government of Nigeria is concerned.

D. It is the hope of the Federal Military Government that Nigeria could continue to enjoy the goodwill, the sympathy and understanding of her friends in these trying times. UNQTE

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1. Under Secretary received Ambassador Martins afternoon August 23 at latter's request for brief meeting to enable Ambassador to deliver Aide-Memoire containing FMG protest over US statement on Nigerian purchase of Soviet arms. Text of Aide-Memoire being sent separately. Ambassador read and interpolated briefly on text.
2. In response, Under Secretary expressed regret if there any misunderstanding by FMG of intent of US statement. While he understood reasons for FMG seeking arms, he had discussed arms with Martins before and recalled being told during meeting with Chief Enaharo that FMG had no intention of turning to Soviets. Martins said that FMG had hoped it might get some US arms up to time of Enaharo's visit and it was later that request of US had been made for export licenses and had been refused. However, Under Secretary recalled Enaharo's shock that question even asked when he had inquired if FMG mission then in Moscow was seeking arms. Martins expressed doubt whether Enaharo, before coming on his mission, had been seized with facts and asserted that he himself had no details

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on Soviet arms deal.

3. Under Secretary said he was disturbed by point in Aide-Memoire seeming to indicate that arms dealers had been allowed to sell US materiel to Enugu including US registered aircraft. He said that full facts would be gathered and given to FMG to show true situation.

4. US not even thinking of recognition of "Biafra," said Under Secretary, who regretted FMG misunderstanding of US intention in this respect. He then inquired re status of obtaining arms from traditional suppliers of Nigeria, such as UK. Martins responded that from UK, of heavy equipment, there had been some anti-aircraft guns. Because of complexity of flying jet aircraft such as Migs, Under Secretary had personal query from his previous experience as to length of time it would take to train such Nigerian pilots. He wondered whether actual training would not be long-range proposition. To this Martins could give no clear reply.

5. Finally, Ambassador asked if it would not be easier for US-FMG relations if there could not be prior consultations as far as practicable. Under Secretary stated that time and other factors frequently made this impractical.

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1. USG, like GOL, has continued to recognize Federal Military Government as legitimate government of Nigeria and has not recognized Biafran regime. It deeply regrets occurrence of war and had counseled all parties against it before it broke out. USG has in line with its policy of non-intervention refused from outset of hostilities to furnish arms of any kind to either side and continues to work toward earliest possible peaceful settlement of conflict. USG regards tragic Nigerian conflict as essentially a Nigerian, African, and Commonwealth matter and has given strong support to efforts of Commonwealth Secretariat and OAU in their efforts to bring about peaceful solution.
2. USG is deeply concerned over innocent civilian victims of war and has made significant contributions to relief effort mounted

~~by USG. It continues to support ICRC and~~

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by ICRC. It continues to support ICRC and OAU attempts to obtain agreement on relief corridors to permit supplies to reach needy on both sides. Additional details re relief effort and current peace talks in Addis contained State 220643 and previous summaries.

3. While USG continues to adhere to position of refusing permit sale of arms to ~~xx~~ either side, you should limit comment to GOL to statement USG position this subject and not repeat not endeavor persuade or dissuade Libyans proceeding with transaction described reftel. Instead, you should indicate we regard this as a decision solely for GOL to determine with UK.

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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH BIAFRAN LEADER

1. D.C. OKOYE, ATTACHE AT THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY HERE, ASKED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO ARRANGE A MEETING WITH M.C.K. AJULUCHUKWU, (IDENTIFIED AS AJ THROUGHOUT THIS MESSAGE) A BIAFRAN LEADER. OKOYE EXPLAINED THAT THIS REQUEST WAS OF COURSE ENTIRELY UNOFFICIAL, THAT HE HIMSELF WAS AN EASTERN NIGERIAN AND THAT HIS SYMPATHIES WERE CLEARLY WITH BIAFRA. AFTER CHECKING WITH THE DEPT (SUTHERLIN-ROBERT SMITH TELECON) AN EMBOFF RECEIVED AJ AT HIS HOME ON AUGUST 22. AJ CAME ACCOMPANIED BY OKOYE WHO TREATED HIM WITH DEFERENCE, EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS FULLY IN SYMPATHY WITH AJ'S VIEWS AND THEN RETREATED TO A SEPARATE ROOM TO ALLOW AJ TO TALK FREELY.

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2. AJ FIRST GAVE A SYNOPSIS OF HIS PAST ACTIVITIES STARTING WITH HIS YEARS IN THE US (NEW YORK) AFTER WORLD WAR II WHERE HE WORKED IN A RESTAURANT IN ORDER TO ACQUIRE THE NECESSARY FUNDS TO STUDY AT THE NEW YORK UNIVERSITY; HIS ACTIVITIES, PRIOR TO NIGERIA'S INDEPENDENCE, AS FOUNDER AND LEADER OF THE LEFTIST TERRORIST ORGANIZATION ZIDDIK (PHONETIC) AND HIS CLOSE

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ASSOCIATION WITH LEFTIST AND EXTREME LEFTIST MOVEMENTS. AJ SAID THAT HE WAS A LEFTIST, NOT A COMMUNIST, BUT AS AN AFRICAN NATIONALIST HE HAD IN THE PAST BEEN SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNISM BECAUSE OF ITS SUPPORT OF ANTI-COLONIALISM.

3. AJ SAID THAT LAST JANUARY THE BREAK BETWEEN BIAFRA AND THE NIGERIAN FED GOV BECAME DEFINITIVE. THIRTY THOUSAND IBOS HAD BEEN MASSACRED IN THE NORTHERN REGION. EASTERN NIGERIA'S DEMAND FOR A PUBLIC APOLOGY WAS NOT MET. AJ SAID WITHOUT SUCH AN APOLOGY "WE COULD NEVER LOOK OUR CHILDREN IN THE FACE AND EXPLAIN WHY WE HAD FAILED TO ACT; WE WOULD CONDEMN THEM TO SECOND-CLASS CITIZENSHIP". HE AND A FEW OTHER BIAFRAN LEADERS WENT ABROAD TO EXPLAIN BIAFRA'S POSITION. BECAUSE OF HIS PAST CONTACTS,

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HIS MISSION WAS TO THE SOVIET BLOC. RATHER THAN TO TRAVEL EXTENSIVELY FROM CAPITAL TO CAPITAL, HE TOOK UP RESIDENCE IN BERLIN -- FIRST IN WEST, THEN IN EAST BERLIN IN AN APARTMENT MADE AVAILABLE BY THE E-GERMANY GOVT -- AND HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH SOVIET AND SATELLITE EMBASSY OFFICIALS THERE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD EXCELLENT CONTACTS IN THE EAST GERMAN FONOFF AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY EAST GERMAN CABINET MEMBERS INCLUDING THE DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER. HE HAD ALSO BEEN PROMISED A MEETING WITH STOPH WHICH WAS TO TAKE PLACE IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

4. IN JUNE AJ WAS TOLD TO SOUND OUT THE SOVIETS ABOUT RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA. HE CONTACTED FIRST SECRETARY ROMANOFF AT THE SOVIET EMB IN EAST BERLIN WHO INFORMED HIM A FEW DAYS LATER, AFTER CHECKING WITH MOSCOW, THAT THE USSR WOULD BE PREPARED TO RECOGNIZE BIAFRA UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS. THESE WERE:
A. NATIONALIZATION OF NIGERIAN OIL RESOURCES;

B. CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL (WAR WAS THEN IN PROGRESS);

C. A DECLARATION OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARAB STATES;

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D. THAT HE PERSONALLY WOULD HAVE TO SEE TO IT THAT INFORMATION ON US ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO OIL, WERE FULLY REPORTED TO THE USSR; AND

E. THAT REPORTS MUST BE RENDERED ON CHICOM ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA, IF ANY.

5. AJ SAID HE HAD FULL POWERS FROM THE BIAFRA MILITARY GOVERNOR IN THIS MATTER. HE SAID THAT HE REPLIED TO ROMANOFF THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO CHECK ABOUT THE NATIONALIZATION OF OIL. HE SAID HE TOLD RAMANOFF THAT, WITH REGARD TO THE OTHER CONDITIONS, HE FELT SURE THAT THEY WERE UNACCEPTABLE TO BIAFRA. BIAFRA WAS GRATEFUL TO ISRAEL FOR THE AID WHICH NIGERIA HAD RECEIVED. THERE WAS LITTLE SYMPATHY FOR THE ARABS AND NO INTEREST, AS FAR AS BIAFRA WAS CONCERNED, IN SIDING WITH THEM AGAINST ISRAEL. HE SAID THAT HE ALSO TOLD ROMANOFF THAT HE WOULD FIND IT REPREHENSIBLE TO ACT AS A SPY FOR A FOREIGN POWER.

6. AJ SAID THAT AFTER HIS CONVERSATION HE RETURNED TO BIAFRA TO REPORT TO THE MILITARY GOVERNOR WHO UPHELD HIM ON ALL POINTS AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO INFORM THE SOVIET EMB THAT THE NATIONALIZATION OF OIL WAS ALSO AN UNACCEPTABLE CONDITION. BIAFRA

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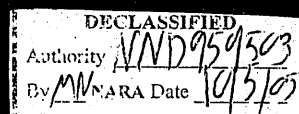
LACKED THE TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW TO RUN THE OIL INDUSTRY HERSELF, HAD NO FUNDS TO REIMBURSE COMPANIES FOR THEIR INVESTMENTS AND DID NOT WISH TO EXPROPRIATE THE COMPANIES WHICH WOULD DEPRIVE BIAFRA OF FURTHER INVESTMENTS AND DEVELOPMENT AID.

7. AJ SAID THAT HE RETURNED TO EAST BERLIN IN THE BEGINNING OF AUGUST AND INFORMED THE SOVIET EMB OF THE MILITARY GOV DECISION. HE WAS TOLD BY ROMANOFF THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REGRETTABLY REACHED THE CONCLUSION THAT BIAFRA, ALTHOUGH A PROGRESSIVE STATE, WAS RUNE BY A REACTIONARY CLIQUE.

8. MEANWHILE, AJ SAID HE HAD LEARNED FROM HIS EAST GERMAN CONTACTS THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV THROUGH ITS EMBASSY IN CAIRO, HAD BEGUN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SOVIETS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN

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MILITARY ASSISTANCE. SOON AFTER THESE NEGOTIATIONS WERE STARTED, THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV BEGAN TO ATTACK ISRAEL AND MADE STATEMENTS OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE ARABS. TWO WEEKS AGO ENAHORA (COMMISSIONER FOR LABOR AND INFORMATION IN THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV) VISITED MOSCOW, OSTENSIBLY TO SIGN A CULTURAL AGREEMENT. A FEW DAYS LATER AJ LEARNED FROM AN EAST GERMAN FONOFF OFFICIAL LIASED IN FAVOR OF BIAFRA THAT ENAHORA HAD ALSO CONCLUDED A SECRET AGREEMENT ON MILITARY AID AND THAT, IN RETURN, ENAHORA HAD

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PROMISED THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV WOULD NATIONALIZE OIL, WOULD PERMIT A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SOVIET OFFICIALS AND TECHNICIANS AT LAGOS AND WOULD VOTE AGAINST COMMUNIST CHINA'S ENTRY INTO THE UN. HE ALSO LEARNED THAT ENAHORA HAD TOLD THE SOVIETS THAT BIAFRA WOULD GIVE OIL CONCESSIONS TO THE US AND THAT IT WAS RECEIVING MILITARY AID FROM THE US, INCLUDING SOME B-26 AIRCRAFT. ENAHORA HAD INFORMED THE SOVIETS THAT THE US WAS IN FACT BEHIND THE DELIVERY OF B-26 AIRCRAFT TO BIAFRA.

9. A WEEK AGO AJ HAD A FURTHER CONVERSATION AT THE SOVIET EMB IN EAST BERLIN. HE WAS TOLD THAT THE USSR HAD DECIDED THAT THE REGIME IN BIAFRA WAS NOT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PEOPLE OF BIAFRA, THAT IT WAS IN LEAGUE WITH THE US, FIGHTING AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF NIGERIA IN ORDER TO EXTEND US INFLUENCE THERE. AJ SAID THAT HE THEN ASKED WHETHER THE USSR WAS GIVING MILITARY AID TO THE NIGERIAN FED GOV. HE WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS NOT FOR THEM TO GIVE HIM A REPLY TO HIS QUESTION.

10. AJ SAID THE SOVIET DECISION TO SUPPORT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV HAD PROBABLY NOT BEEN AS EASY ONE. IT WAS WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT AFRICA THAT EASTERN NIGERIA WAS PROGRESSIVE AND THAT THE NIGERIAN FEDGOV WAS DOMINATED BY ESSENTIALLY REACTIONARY FORCES. AJ SAID THE SOVIETS APPEARED CONFIDENT, HOWEVER, -- AND IN HIS OPINION, RIGHTLY SO -- THAT THEY COULD DOMINATE NIGERIA THROUGH MAKING THE FEDGOV DEPENDENT ON THEM AND THEREBY GREATLY EXTEND THEIR INFLUENCE IN AFRICA. THE EAST GERMAN FONOFF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM HE CONTINUES TO BE IN TOUCH HAD SOUGHT TO PERSUADE HIM THAT BIAFRA SHOULD ACCOMODATE ITSELF. THEY HAD

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POINTED OUT THAT SOVIET INFLUENCE W S NOW FIRMLY EST BLISHED

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IN NORTH AFRICA WITH THE EXCEPTION OF MOROCCO, TUNISIA, AND
LIBYA, AND THAT, ONCE SOVIET INFLUENCE WAS ESTABLISHED IN
NIGERIA, NIGER AND CHAD WOULD BE NEXT ON THE LIST.

11. AJ SAID THAT IF THE WAR IN NIGERIA REMAINED A GROUND WAR,
BIAFRA WOULD CERTAINLY WIN. HOWEVER, BIAFRA WAS DEFENSELESS
AGAINST JET WARFARE. HE SAID HE HAD WANTED US TO HAVE AN
ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION. HE HINTED BROADLY THAT HE
HOPED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD RECEIVE DISCREET SUPPRT
("AID IN THE SHADE") FROM THE US (HE MENTIONED ANTI-AIRCRAFT
WEAPONS) IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO DEFEND ITSELF.

12. AJ SAID THAT HE INTENDED TO RETURN TO EAST BERLIN NEXT
WEEK. HE WOULD MAINTAIN HIS CONTACTS, NOT IN ORDER TO
NEGOTIATE WHICH WOULD BE POINTLESS, BUT SIMPLY IN ORDER TO
GATHER MORE INFORMATION OF VALUE TO HIS COUNTRY. HE COULD
ALWAYS BE REACHED THROUGH OKOYE WHO WAS FAMILIAR WITH HIS
ITINERARY.

13. COMMENT: WE HAVE NO BASIS HERE FOR EVALUATING THE
INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY AJ. HE IS AN IMPRESSIVE AND INTELLIGENT
PERSON AND APPEARED CANDID. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT HE IS DEEPLY
DISILLUSIONED ABOUT SOVIET POLICY. HE IS OBVIOUSLY INTERESTED
IN OBTAINING SOME MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR BIAFRA FROM THE US
BUT WAS GIVEN NO ENCOURAGEMENT ON THAT SCORE.
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1. IN PRIVATE, CANDID TALK JUST CONCLUDED AWOLowo
TOLD ME THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT HAD LED
HIM AND MANY OF HIS COLLEAGUES WHO USUALLY WELL
DISPOSED TOWARD US TO QUESTION USG INTENTIONS IN
NIGERIAN SITUATION. HE SAID I SHOULD KNOW THAT
THERE WAS WIDESPREAD BELIEF AMONG NIGERIANS THAT

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CIA WAS SUPPORTING OJUKWU AND HELPING EAST OBTAIN
ARMS. HE DID NOT HIMSELF BELIEVE THIS, BUT HE DID
FIND IT VERY HARD TO UNDERSTAND WHY USG SHOULD
CONDEMN FMG FOR SEEKING ARMS WMTREVER IT COULD--USG
HAVING REFUSED TO OPEN US MARKET-- TO PRESERVE
NIGERIAN UNITY WHICH WAS IN US INTEREST AS WELL AS

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INTEREST OF NIGERIANS AND ALL AFRICANS.

2. I TOLD AWO I HAD SOUGHT INTERVIEW WITH HIM AS I HAD HEARD HE FEARED USG WAS CHANGING ITS POLICY IN NIGERIAN SITUATION. I ASSURED HIM THIS WAS NOT THE CASE AND LET HIM READ STATE 24779. I REVIEWED REASONS WHY USG WAS NOT PREPARED TO PERMIT SUPPLY ARMS TO FMG OR REBELS, AND EMPHASIZED THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT WAS DIRECTED AGAINST USSR WHICH BECOMING INCREASINGLY ACTIVE IN SUPPLYING ARMS TO NUMBER OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES. AWO INDICATED HE UNDERSTOOD US POSITION BUT FACT REMAINED DEPT'S STATEMENT HAD BEEN HURTFUL AND HARMFUL TO FMG. HE STRESSED IN STRONGEST TERMS THAT PURCHASE OF SOVIET ARMS WAS STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL DEAL WITH NO

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IDEOLOGICAL OVERTONES AND NO COMMITMENTS. NEITHER HE NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER FMG WAS SYMPATHETIC TO COMMUNISM, AND HAD NO INTENTION OF FALLING UNDER SOVIET DOMINATION.

3. I REFERRED TO CURRENT NIGERIAN RADIO AND PRESS CRITICISM OF USG, SAYING I WISHED COMMENT ON ONLY TWO POINTS. FIRST WAS ALLEGATION US WAS ASSISTING OJUWKU WHICH I CATEGORICALLY DENIED. SECOND WAS CHARGE THAT USG HAD DONE NOTHING TO IMPEDE FLOW OF ARMS TO REBELS. IN FACT USG HAD DONE GREAT DEAL WHICH WAS KNOWN TO GOWON, FEW OTHER MILITARY OFFICERS, SECURITY SERVICES AND EXTAFF. I CITED FEW EXAMPLES. I ALSO POINTED OUT THAT THIS WAS NOT KIND OF HELP WHICH COULD BE PUBLICIZED BUT I

DID EXPECT THAT THOSE FMG OFFICIALS WHO KNEW FACTS WOULD PREVENT LEVYING OF THIS PARTICULAR CHARGE AGAINST USG. AWO RESPONDED THAT THIS INFORMATION WAS GREAT RELIEF TO HIM AND SATISFIED HIM THAT USG WAS NOT FAVORING OJUWKU. HE SAID HE WOULD ASK GOWON TO KEEP SMALL GROUP OF HIS CIVILIAN ADVISERS

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ADVISED OF SUCH US COOPERATION.

4. AWO SAID IN THAT CONNECTION THAT AT HIS INSISTENCE, GOWON HAD RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SMALL INNER COUNCIL OF FOUR CIVILIAN ADVISERS WHO WERE TO BE FULLY INFORMED OF MILITARY AND ALL OTHER ASPECTS OF NIGERIAN SITUATION. AWO DID NOT IDENTIFY CIVILIANS OTHER THAN HIMSELF, BUT FROM COMMENTS THAT ENAHORO MADE TO DPAO CARTER YESTERDAY, I BELIEVE OTHER THREE ARE ENAHORO, TARKA AND EJUEYICHIE. HE COMMENTED IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THAT HE AND OTHER CIVILIANS HAD BEEN TAKEN ABACK AT MILITARY DEFICIENCIES DISCLOSED TO THEM IN FIRST MEETINGS AND HAD VIGOROUSLY PRESSED GOWON TO IMPROVE SITUATION.

5. AWO REVIEWED HIS OWN EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN AT CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK TO FIND ACCOMMODATION WITH OJUWKU BEFORE LATTER DECLARED INDEPENDENCE. HE SAID HE HAD BEEN CONVINCED IT IMPOSSIBLE TO NEGOTIATE WITH OJUWKU WHO SEEKING BRING ALL SOUTHERN NIGERIA UNDER HIS SWAY. FMG HAD NO

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ALTERNATIVE TO WAGING WAR UNTIL REBEL FORCES DEFEATED. HE WAS URGING GOWON TO BUILD UP FMG FORCES QUICKLY WITH OBJECTIVE OF ENDING WAR BY OCTOBER. ONCE WAR OVER REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION OF IBOS WOULD BE TOP PRIORITY, AND GOWON HAD SET UP STUDY GROUP TO MAKE PLANS FOR THIS TASK.

6. AS CONVERSATION GOING SO WELL, I DECIDED RISK RAISING SENSITIVE QUESTION OF MERCENARIES. I TOLD AWO WE HAD HEARD FMG WAS RECRUITING

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MERCENARIES. HE HESITATED MOMENT AND THEN ADMITTED

FEW PILOTS WERE BEING HIRED AS IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO TRAIN NIGERIANS FLY NEW JETS. FMG WAS DOING BEST TO SCREEN THOSE HIRED TO ENSURE THEY WERE NOT TROUBLE MAKERS AND COULD BE TRUSTED. I SAID I HAD HEARD MERCENARIES MIGHT ALSO BE HIRED FOR ARMY. AWO SAID HE WAS SURE THIS NOT TRUE. I ASKED HIM TO FORGET I HAD THIS SUBJECT AND HE AGREED TO DO SO.

7. I REFERRED TO HIS PROPOSED MISSION TO WASHINGTON

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AND EXPLAINED WHY IT HAD NOT BEEN POSSIBLE ARRANGE AT THIS TIME. HE ACCEPTED EXPLANATION BUT MADE IT CLEAR THAT FMG AND HE HIMSELF STILL WANTED DIRECT CONTACT WITH PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE PREPARED GO TO WASHINGTON AT MOMENT'S NOTICE WHENEVER PRESIDENT COULD RECEIVE HIM.

8. IN COMMENTING ON ATTITUDE FMG MEMBERS TOWARD USG, AWO SAID GOWON NEVER WAVERED IN HIS BELIEF IN USG GOOD FAITH AND ALWAYS REJECTED CHARGES AGAINST USG MADE BY OTHER FMG MEMBERS. AWO ALSO OBSERVED THAT HE AND OTHERS HAD HAD BERY HARD TIME PERSUADING GOWON THAT PURCHASE SOVIET ARMS COULD NOT BE AVOIDED.
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JOINT EMBASSY/USIS MESSAGE.

REF: USIA 1589, DAR ES-SALAAM 504

ALTHOUGH IT DIFFICULT TO TAKE SERIOUSLY NIGERIAN CLAIMS
THAT COMMUNIST CHINESE MERCENARIES ARE FIGHTING ON BIAFRAN
SIDE (LAGOS 1773), HOPE DEPT AND AGENCY ARE GIVING DUE
CONSIDERATION TO POSSIBILITY THAT COMMENTS LIKE TANU NA-
TIONALIST MAY REFLECT CHICOM-SOVIET TENSIONS RATHER THAN
INDEPENDENT AFRICAN ENDORSEMENT OF USG POLICY.
MATHEWS.

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1. DISCUSSING NIGERIAN SITUATION WITH ME AUGUST 24 PRESIDENT
EYADEMA SAID RUSSIAN ARMS FURNISHED NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT CARRIES
CERTAIN RISKS BUT ON THE WHOLE MAY NOT BE A BAD THING. NOTED
THAT ARMS IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT WHICH
BADLY NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN ITS EFFORTS MAINTAIN NATIONAL UNITY.
SAID FAILURE HELP FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
RISKS PERMITTING SUCCESS OF SECESSIONIST BIAFRAN STATE. ONCE
IMPORTANT ENTITY LIKE NIGERIAN BREAKS UP INTO TRIBAL GROUPS,
REPERCUSSIONS CAN BE DISASTROUS FOR OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

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TO AVOID SUCH BREAKUP ALL POSSIBLE SUPPORT SHOULD BE GIVEN TO
NIGERIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. SUCH SUPPORT DOES NOT NECESSARILY
CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. NO LOCAL MEDIA COMMENT.
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REF: EMBTEL 1679, DEPTTEL 24428, LONDON'S 1303.

1) REAR ADM. WEY, CMDR. NIGERIAN NAVY, TELEPHONED WOOTTON OF SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY AUGUST 23 TO INQUIRE WHETHER COMPANY HAD REACHED DECISION ON THE LOAN OF TWO CREW BOATS TO THE NIGERIAN NAVY. WOOTTON REPLIED HE HAD NOT HEARD FROM LONDON OFFICE. WOOTTON'S IMPRESSION WAS THAT REAR ADM. WEY GETTING VERY IMPATIENT WITH COMPANY DELAY.

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2) SANTA FE LONDON OFFICE SENT FOLLOWING TELEX THIS MORNING, AUGUST 24: QUOTE VESSELS MARY B PAGE HANNAH, KAREN HANNAH AND SWAMPMASTER ARE REGISTERED AMERICAN FLAG VESSELS AND COME UNDER UNITED STATES JURISDICTION. WE THEREFORE UNABLE TO GRANT LOAN TO NIGERIAN NAVY WITHOUT OBTAINING PERMISSION FROM UNITED STATES MARITIME ADMINISTRATION, AND OUR LEGAL COUNSEL ADVISES US THAT SUCH PERMISSION WILL PROBABLY NOT BE GRANTED DUE TO UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT POLICY OF NON-INTERVENTION

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UNQUOTE. COMPANY STATED FORMAL LETTER TO WEY WOULD FOLLOW.

31 FOLLOWING RECEIPT TELEX, SANTA FE OFFICIALS SOUGHT FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM EMBASSY. WE HAD PREVIOUSLY COMMUNICATED SUBSTANCE DEPTTEL 24428 TO WOOTTON. WE ADVISED AS FIRST STEP HE SHOULD INFORM WEY IMMEDIATELY OF COMPANY REFUSAL TO LEND BOATS AND SEE IF WEY PREPARED TO REQUISITION THEM. DURING CONVERSATION WE DETERMINED COMPANY DID NOT HAVE AMERICAN FLAGS ON BOARD BOATS TO IDENTIFY COUNTRY OF REGISTRY. EMBASSY ARRANGED SUPPLY THREE FLAGS FOR WHICH COMPANY VERY GRATEFUL.

41 LATER THIS MORNING, WOOTTON REPORTED WEY'S REACTION TO

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COMPANY REFUSAL. WEY NATURALLY UNHAPPY AT DECISION AND SPECULATED AS TO WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD COMPANY BOATS

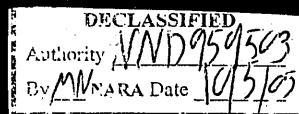
BEEN LEFT IN WARRI FOR "BIAFRAN" TROOPS. IMPLICATION WAS THAT BOATS WOULD HAVE BEEN SEIZED AND USED OR SUNK IF "BIAFRANS" FORCED TO RETREAT. WEY SAID HE WOULD TAKE COMPANY'S REFUSAL UNDER ADVISEMENT BUT DID NOT INDICATE IF HE PREPARED HAVE FMG REQUISITION BOATS.

51 MAGCOBAR, A U.S. DRILLING CHEMICALS SUPPLY COMPANY, INFORMED EMBASSY ALSO THIS MORNING THAT NIGERIAN NAVY OFFICIALS BOARDED COMPANY BOAT, MAGCOBAR SATELLITE, TO OBTAIN BOAT SPECIFICATIONS ON SIZE, ENGINE, DRAUGHT, CREW CAPACITY, ETC. NAVY OFFICIALS LEFT AFTER INSPECTION WITHOUT REVEALING PURPOSE OF THEIR VISIT, WHICH MOST LIKELY PRELUDE TO ANOTHER REQUEST FOR LOAN OF BOAT OR TO REQUISITION ORDER FRB FMG. COMMENT-ALTHOUGH SATELLITE OUTFITTED WITH LARGE CHEMICAL TANKS, IT CAPABLE TRANSPORTING UP TO 200 PERSONNEL AT 12 KNOTS DRAWING MINIMUM TEN FEET OF WATER. THUS, WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL FOR TROOP MOVEMENTS IN SAPELE-WARRI AREA OF DELTA.

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61 EMBASSY CONCURRED WITH MAGCOBAR OFFICIAL THAT, SINCE NO

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FORMAL REQUEST YET RECEIVED FROM NIGERIAN NAVY. IT MIGHT BE WISE TO REMOVE BOAT FROM LAGOS HARBOR. ACCORDINGLY, COMPANY HAS REQUESTED PORTS AUTHORITY CLEARANCE TO TAKE SATELLITE OUT OF HARBOR. IF CLEARANCE GRANTED, COMPANY WILL BE WITHIN LEGAL RIGHTS SAIL OUT OF LAGOS TONIGHT. IF CLEARANCE NOT GRANTED, WE WILL INTERPRET AS INDICATION OF NIGERIAN NAVY INTENTIONS TO REQUISITION BOAT.

7) EMBASSY HAS INFORMED SANTA FE DRILLING COMPANY THAT WE PREPARED TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS TO MINEXTAFF IF ALL ELSE FAILS DISSUADE FMG FROM REQUISITIONING. HOWEVER, IN VIEW FMG STRONG ADVERSE REACTION TO DEPARTMENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT RE RUSSIAN ARMS SUPPLY, WE VERY MUCH DOUBT WILLINGNESS OF FMG TO BE PERSUADED BY ANY SUCH REPRESENTATIONS TO ABANDON PLAN TO REQUISITION BOATS, ESPECIALLY SINCE USG UNWILLING PERMIT LEGAL EXPORT SUCH BOATS THROUGH NORMAL COMMERCIAL SALES TO FMG.

8) WOULD APPRECIATE ASAP RECEIPT DEPARTMENT STUDY ON LEGAL IMPLICATIONS QUESTION OF FMG REQUISITIONING U.S. FLAG BOATS

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WHICH HAVE BEEN IMPORTED INTO NIGERIA AND ON WHICH DUTY HAS BEEN PAID TO FMG.

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1. AFTERSCEARING 1915 RBC RADIO NEWSREEL REPORT YESTERDAY
THAT 42 EASTERNERS HAD BEEN REPULSED AUG 23 IN ATTEMPTED
LANDING AT EPE, 20 MILES SOUTH OF IJEBU-ODE, CONSULATE OFFICER
SPOKE TO CATHOLIC PRIEST IN LATTER BY PHONE AT 2100 LAST NIGHT.
PRIEST HAD BEEN WITHIN A FEW MILES OF EPE UP TO 1900 AND HAD
NO INFORMATION ON ANY ATTEMPTED LANDINGS. WILKES OF EPE
BOATYARD THIS MORNING ALSO REPORTED HE HAD NO INFORMATION
ON SUBJECT. CAPT. MAKANJOLA, INTELLIGENCE OFFICER OF 2ND
AREA COMMAND SAID REPORT "WAS A LIE." HE DID CONFIRM FMG

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FORCES YESTERDAY PICKED UP AN EASTERN FORCE OF TWENTY MEN AND ONE OFFICER IN BOAT IN OKITIPUPA AREA. YESTERDAY AFTER-NOON ROAD TO ORE CLOSED TO CIVILIAN TRAFFIC AT IJEBU-ODE.

2. SEVERAL SOURCES REPORT AT LEAST ONE CONVOY ON IBADAN-IFE ROAD HEADED EAST. FIRST REPORT BY LOCAL DRIVER SAYS THAT ABOUT 0630 THERE SEVEN BUSLOADS TROOPS (50 EACH), SEVENTEEN JEEPS (10 EACH) AND ONE MERCEDES. AMCIT AT 0815 JUST OUTSIDE IBAD

U SAW 14 LORRIES AND LANDROVERS WITH 6TH BN MARKINGS FILLED WITH TOOPS. ON RETURN FROM IFE ABOUT NOON AMCIT SAW FIVE VEHICLES WITH TROOPS NEAR IFE AND A HALTED CONVOY NEAR IKIRE (7.23N-4.12E) T 12:30 WITH 25 BUSES, LORRIES AND LANDROVERS. BAPTISTS REPORT SEEING ELEMENTS OF CONVOY NEAR IBADAN FROM 0830-1230 ON IFE ROAD.

3. CAPT MAKANJOULA SAID FIGHTING STILL GOING ON FOR ORE. ADMITTED FMG HAD BLOWN AJUE BRIDGE (6.55N-4.52E) 12 MILES NORTH ORE ON ONDO ROAD "AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE." BDHC LEARNED THAT WOODEN BRIDGE ACROSS SAME RIVER ON PARALLEL LATERITE ROAD HAS BEEN MINED AND IS READY TO BE BLOWN. MAKANJOULA SAID IFON AND SOBE STILL IN FMG HANDS. BDHC HAD REPORT THAT HEAVY FIGHTING TAKING PLACE NEAR MIDWEST BORDER NORTH OF IFON.

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4. MAKANJOULA AGAIN QUESTIONED ABOUT STORY OF TWO EUROPEANS SEEN AT AKURE PRISON (IBADAN'S 113). FURTHER DETAILS HAD BECOME AVAILABLE TO CONSULATE OFFICER. WHEN INFORMED THAT REPORTED INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON MONDAY AUGUST 21, MAKANJOULA ADMITTED THAT HE HAD QUESTIONED TWO EUROPEANS BROUGHT FROM AKURE TO IBADAN THAT DAY. SAID ONE WAS SWEDISH AND OTHER GERMAN. DESCRIBED ONE AS TOURIST AND OTHER AS "FISHERMAN." MAKANJOULA CLAIMS HE SET THEM FREE AFTER BEING SATISFIED THEIR BONE FIDES. HE ALSO CLAIMS TO HAVE SENT SIGNAL TO AUCHI RELEASING CANADIAN PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER. MAKANJOULA ADMITTED THAT TROOPS WERE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT "MERCENARIES." HE AGAIN AGREED TO INFORM CONSULATE OFFICER SHOULD AMCITS BE IN WAY.

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OF MILITARY OPERATIONS OR SHOULD ANY BE PICKED UP BY FMG FORCES. GERMAN HONORARY CONSUL IN IBADAN UNAWARE OF ANY GERMAN CITIZEN INVOLVED IN ANY INCIDENT.

5. PEACE CORPS REP WHO VISITED ABEOKUTA THIS MORNING REPORTS ALL QUIET THERE. ANOTHER AMCIT CONFIRMS THAT EVERYTHING PEACEFUL, BUT ADDED THAT SOLDIERS WERE LOOKING FOR "EASTERNERS" AND ARE HOLDING ABOUT TWENTY IN BARRACKS. ARMY OFFICER TOLD PCV'S THERE NOW ABOUT 2,000 RECRUITS AT TRAINING DEPOT.

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NEW RECRUITS BEING ARMED AND USED FOR ROAD-BLOCK DUTY AT NIGHT. ALSO SOME SHOOTING PRACTICE APPARENTLY TAKING PLACE AT NIGHT AS WELL AS BY DAY. HOWEVER, PREVIOUS REPORT OF TROUBLE IN ABEOKUTA (IBADAN'S 113) APPEARS EXAGGERATED.

6. AKURE REPORTS ALL QUIET THAT AREA.
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JOINT USIS/EMBASSY

1. AS FORECAST IN LAGOS 1728, RADIO BIAFRA AT 0545 GMT
AUGUST 23 REACTED TO DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WITH
COMMENTARY SAYING

IT QTE WELCOME NEWS UNQTE THAT U.S. WAS

REFUSING SUPPLY ARMS TO QTE LAGOS JUNTA UNQTE AND THAT
STATEMENT DEMONSTRATED USG QTE REALLY UNDERSTANDS CAUSE FOR
WHICH BIAFRA IS FIGHTING UNQTE.

2. EXPECT THIS COMMENTARY WILL TOUCH OFF ANOTHER ROUND OF
FULMINATIONS ON USG POLICY BY NIGERIANS.

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SUBJ: OAU SUMMIT MEETING

1. IN CALL ON MIDDLE-LEVEL MINEXSTAFF OFFICIALS TODAY EMBOFFS
LEARNED THAT PREVIOUS TENTATIVE PLANS FOR FMG HEAD OF STATE
GOWON TO ATTEND OAU SUMMITS IN KINSHASA NOW HIGHLY UNLIKELY
IN VIEW DOMESTIC MILITARY SITUATION. RECENT WIDE-SPREAD

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1. GOODWILL DELEGATION FROM DAHOMEY LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

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EMILE ZINSOU RECEIVED AUGUST 23 BY MAJOR GENERAL GOWON.
ACCORD XNG GOVT-OWNED POST, GOWON TOLD DELEGATION THAT FIRMS
TASK HIS GOVERNMENT IS TO REMOVE SECESSION THREAT BEFORE

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1. REFERENCE PAR 1, MY SECRET MSG 0353 AUG 67. ACTING CYS BISALLA SAID THIS MORNING (24 AUG) THAT CONTRARY HIS INDICATIONS YESTERDAY, FMG ASSAULT ARE NOT YET LAUNCHED; THUS ARE NOT YET RETAKEN BY FMG. IN PRESSING FOR DETAILS REASONS FOR CHANGE OVER PLANS EARLY YESTERDAY, FOLLOWING "DRAGGED OUT" BISALLA: A. RATHER THAN COMMANDING BRIGADE THREE BNS ARE AREA ALONE, MUHAMMED HAS OVERALL COMMAND "OPERATIONS AGAINST MID-WEST."

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(BEST THAT COULD BE GOTTEN HERE HE COMMANDS AT LEAST TWO THREE BATTALION BRIGADES - ONE CENTERED ARE AND OTHER CENTERED AKURE. NOT CERTAIN WHETHER HE COMMANDS FMG FORCES TARGETTED AGAINST MID-WEST FROM OKENE AREA AND NOW BELIEVED AT OR SOUTH IGARA). AS SUCH, MUHAMMED DOES NOT WANT TO FIGHT "PIECEMEAL CAMPAIGN" WITHOUT SERIES LOGICAL AND SUCCESSIVE OBJECTIVES BEING ASSIGNED AND WITHOUT REASONABLE CAPABILITIES ACHIEVE OBJECTIVES AT HAND.

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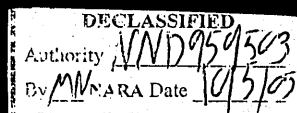
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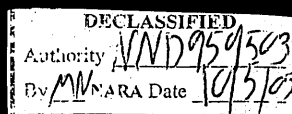
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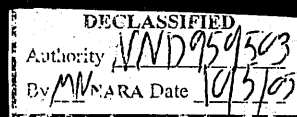
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3. CIVIL AVIATION. HS-125 ARRIVED ENUGU AFTERNOON AUGUST 24. CREW WAS COMPOSED OF ANDRE CESSOU (FRENCH), BERNARD BRET (FRENCH) AND JACK STRIKKER (PHONETIC, SWILL). CESSOU AND BRET WHO

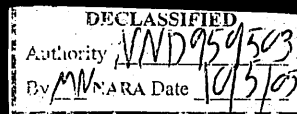
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4. GENERAL. ENUGU CALM. BUSINESS AS USUAL. TELEPHONE SERVICE TO RENIN NOW RPT NOW IN GENERAL USE. PRESS AND RADIO CONTINUING ATTACKS ON BRITAIN AND SOVIET UNION WHILE URGING OTHER COUNTRIES TO EMULATE "AMERICAN NEUTRALITY."
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TO : DEPARTMENT OF STATE

INFO: ENUGU, LAGOS

FROM : Amembassy LONDON

DATE: August 24, 1967

SUBJECT: Biafran Youth Appeal for US Aid

REF :

A delegation from the "Biafra Union of Great Britain and Ireland" called at the Embassy on Monday, August 21 to present the enclosed letter addressed to the Ambassador requesting "any help of whatever nature the United States Government can give to help Biafra." The delegation was received by an Embassy officer who said that he would inform the State Department of the group's visit.

The delegation, which claimed to represent all "Biafrans" in the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland and to be "under instructions from Enugu", expressed approval of the American policy of "neutrality" in the Nigerian Civil war, but noted that Biafra now needed the help of the United States to counterbalance the "intervention" of the Soviet Union in Nigeria. The group indicated that the United States Government should take steps to insure that the Soviet Union did not gain a foothold in Nigeria.

Enclosures:

1. List of members of delegation
2. Letter from the Biafra Union to the Ambassador

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LIST OF MEMBERS

Dr. F.E.O. Ume, Chairman, International Affairs Committee
of the Biafra Union

Mr. M.N. Obi (Fuel Technologist)
(Former President Nigeria Union of Gt. Britain and Ireland)
Secretary, International Affairs Committee

E. E. Briggs
Senior Estates Officer
Nigerian Ports Authority, Lagos
Now President of Biafra Union of Great Britain and
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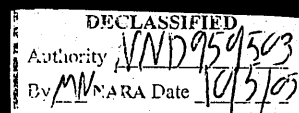
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Past - Former Lecturer in Anatomy
Medical Faculty, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Present - Chairman, Refugee Committee for Biafra (London)

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Enclosure 2 to
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London

THE BIAFRA UNION OF GT. BRITAIN AND IRELAND

12, Beresford Street,
London, N.5.

21st August, 1967.

His Excellency
The Ambassador of
The United States of America,
Grosvenor Square, W.1.

Your Excellency,


We are delegates of the Biafra Union of Gt. Britain and Ireland. Biafra, formerly Eastern Nigeria, came into being following the mass murder of 30,000 of our people last year by northern Nigerians. Following our secession the forces of Northern Nigeria launched an attack on Biafra on the 6th July this year.

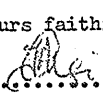
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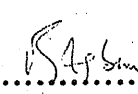
We have today come to tell you of the unwarranted interference in the Nigeria-Biafra conflicts by the Soviet Union. The Soviet Union and Czechoslovakia, following a so-called cultural agreement with Nigeria, have in the past two weeks supplied the Nigerian Federal Army with 20 MIG jets, at least two L.29s Chek jets, 200 Soviet instructors and technicians, bombs, guns and various ammunition. In protesting against the Soviet interference in the Nigeria-Biafra conflict we beg of Your Excellency to convey our deep concern for the safety of millions of Biafrans, to your Home Government. Biafra is engaged in a battle for survival. We could never again feel safe within Nigeria.

We pray the Government of the United States to help in solving this conflict. Above all we would appreciate any help of whatever nature the United States Government can give to help Biafra.

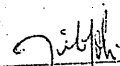
Yours faithfully,


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Enclosed is a Memorandum of Conversation outlining President Eyadema's role in the Nigerian crisis.

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MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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DATE: August 19, 1967

PARTICIPANTS: Lieutenant-Colonel Etienne Eyadema, President of the
Republic of Togo
Mr. Jack Vaughn, Director of the Peace Corps
Mr. Terence A. Todman, Charge d'Affaires a.i.
Mr. Michael Furst, Director of the Peace Corps in Togo

PLACE: Tokoin Military Camp, Lomé

SUBJECT: Eyadema's Role in Nigerian Crisis

Responding to a question by Mr. Vaughn on Togo's view of the Nigerian problem and the prospects for settlement, President Eyadema said unfortunately matters had developed to the point now where it was difficult to see how it could be settled. The President said that before the fighting broke out, General Ankrah of Ghana had tried to bring about a reconciliation among the opposing groups and for a time he seemed to be succeeding. Later, however, agreements reached in Ghana were violated and differences between the two sides increased. The President said at that point he wrote to General Ankrah suggesting that perhaps General Ankrah, General Soglo, Colonel Lamizana and himself might act jointly to try to bring about a settlement. However, before he received a reply Eastern Nigeria had declared itself independent. Eyadema said he has since received a letter from Ankrah stating his willingness to consider ways of settling the question but Eyadema now believes that the matter has gone too far. He also thinks that it would be very much more difficult to arrange a settlement now that General Gowon is not in a position of strength. Yet the matter is too serious to be allowed to drift. In a war of this sort there can be no winners since all the people will suffer. Furthermore, Nigeria is such a big and important country that the neighboring countries of West Africa, in particular, are affected as well as other parts of Africa. President Eyadema said the OAU is incapable of helping, partly because it has no military force. For the OAU to be effective and meaningful it must have a military force which can be called on by any state going through a period of internal disorder to provide disinterested help. He expressed the hope in the circumstances that major friendly powers like the United States will intervene to help settle the crisis and to keep Nigeria unified.


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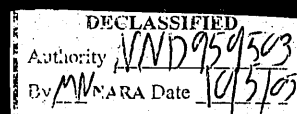
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2. BOTH DEP IG, NIGERIA POLICE, OMO BARE, AND LAGOS STATE
GOVERNOR LTC M.O. JOHNSON, TOLD DATT TODAY THAT REGULAR EVENING
MEETING SMC LAGOS GROUP WITH GOWON NITE 23 AUG HAD BEEN ONE
OF MOST PRODUCTIVE EVER. GOWON "MOST UNHAPPY" WITH BOTH
AIR FORCE AND NAVY FOR SITUATIONS WHERE CARGO PLANES CONTINUED
USE ENUGU AIRPORT AND WHERE VESSELS CONTINUED SUPPLY EAST
THROUGH UNCOVERED PORT CALABAR. ALAO AND WEY OFFERED REASONS

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WHY SITUATIONS PREVAILED BUT GOWON REPORTEDLY TOLD THEM HE NO
LONGER INTERESTED IN WHY THEIR ASSIGNMENTS NOT CARRIED OUT;
RATHER, HE WOULD NOW ASSIGN THEM MISSIONS AND HE EXPECTED
THAT THEY BE CARRIED OUT REGARDLESS PROBLEMS INVOLVED. RE-
PORTEDLY, HE GAVE WEY "VERY HARD TIME" OVER CONTINUED PRESENCE
NNS NIGERIA LAGOS. WEY SAID NIGERIA HAD RADAR AND GENERATOR
TROUBLES. GOWON TOLD WEY GET RADAR FIXED OR GO TO SEA WITHOUT

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1. IN CASE ALAO, GOWON ASKED HIM IF HE WAS WAITING FOR ENTIRE AIR FLEET TO BE OPERATIONAL BEFORE HE PUT THEM TO USE? ALAO WAS TOLD USE PLANES AS THEY BECAME AVAILABLE AND TO KEEP THEM FLYING CONTINUALLY. GOWON REPORTEDLY TOLD ALAO, "IF WE ARE GOING TO LOSE PLANES, LETS LOSE THEM IN ACTION RATHER THAN LOSING THEM WHILE SITTING ON FIELDS IN NORTH LOOKING PRETTY". ALAO WAS TOLD TO START USING MAKURDI AS FORWARD BASE FOR DAILY OPERATIONS INTO EAST.

3. AT REFERENCE MEETING, GOWON ALSO TOOK ALL TO TASK FOR "FAILURE CONCENTRATE ON STRATEGIC ASPECTS OF WAR". HE SAID ARMY DOING FINE, WITHIN LIMITS RECOGNIZED, ON TACTICAL SIDE, BUT THAT NAVY AND AIR FORCE (AGAIN) NOT HOLDING UP THEIR ENDS. GOWON SAID HE EXPECTED FORCES AVAILABLE TO BE UTILIZED FOR

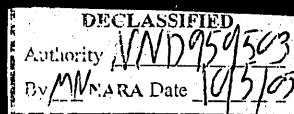
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REDUCING CAPABILITY EAST TO WAGE WAR AS WELL AS REDUCING ABILITY EASTERN SOLDIER ON LINE TO FIGHT. SPECIFICALLY, HE SAID THAT HE WANTED EASTTS PORTS, AIRFIELDS, COMMO FACILITIES, POWER PLANTS, PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES AND BRIDGES (WHERE INDICATED) HARRASSED, INTERDICTED AND/OR DESTROYED. SPEAKING SPECIFICALLY OF LARGE PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES OKRIKA, HE ASKED WHY THEY STILL STOOD. HE SAID HE NOT AT ALL CONCERNED ABOUT KNOCKING OUT PETROL STORAGE FACILITIES THEREAT IF IT DENIED EAST SUBSTANTIAL PETROL STORES, HE SAID, WE ARE NOT USING THEM, SO LET KNOCK THEM OUT. WHEN IT ALL OVER OILT WILL STILL BE IN GROUND AND WE WILL BUILD MORE TANKS. HE SAID, "I NOT ONLY WANT TO GO ON FIGHTING THEM ONE

THE GROUND,
BUT I WANT YOU TO DESTROY TO YOUR MAXIMUM CAPABILITY THEIR ABILITY CARRY ON FIGHT OUT OF EAST".

5. U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR (PROTECT TURCE) TOLD DATT NOON TODAY THAT HUNT, U.K. HIGH COMMISSIONER, HAD RETURNED LAGOS FROM TRIP LONDON WHERE HE DISCUSSED SUBJECT HMG POLICY FOR SALE ARMS TO FMG. HUNT WAS TO SEE GOWON 1130 LOCAL TODAY ON SUBJECT. DEFENSE ADVISOR SAID THAT IN BRIEF CHAT WITH HUNT HE HAD BEEN BOLD BY HUNT "WE WILL GO ON SELLING TO THEM IN CONTROLLED

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(SIC) AMOUNTS". SOURCE SAID HE WOULD KEEP DATT INFORMED, WHEN
HE WAS TOLD HIMSELF, WHAT "CONTROLLED AMOUNTS" WERE. HE SAID,
"I SUPPOSED THAT MEANS WHEN THEY USE ONE (OF EVERYTHING) WE WILL
REPLACE IT". GP-3.

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Following is excerpt from Dept. spokesman briefing, August 23:

Q: The Nigerian radio is accusing the US of trying to "Balkanize" Nigeria.

Do you have such intentions really?

A: No.

Q: What are your intentions in Nigeria? Can you elaborate a little bit?

A: Well, we have made various statements on Nigeria. We regret very much the tragic hostilities that have broken out there, and we hope that an early solution will be found. We continue to recognize the Federal Government there.

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DURING COURSE COURTESY CALL ON PRES. DIORI WITH AMB
MCCLINTOCK, DIORI RAISED QUESTION WHY U.S. AND GREAT BRITAIN
RELUCTANT PROVIDE MILITARY AID LEGAL GOVERNMENT NIGERIA IN ITS
FIGHT AGAINST REBEL FORCES. DIORI SAID DIFFICULT UNDERSTAND
OUR WILLINGNESS ONE HAND HELP CONGO IN SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CIRCUM-
STANCES AND OUR RELUCTANCE ASSIST FED GOVT NIGERIA. HE COMMENTED
THAT VICTORY FEDGOVT WITH COMMUNIST MILITARY AID COULD RESULT
FUTURE REPERCUSSIONS IN WEST AFRICA. HE SPOKE FORCEFULLY ON
NEED SUPPORT LEGALLY CONSTITUTED GOVERNMENTS AGAINST SECESSION
AND REBEL FORCES. HE SAID NIGER WOULD NOT RECOGNIZE BIAFRA
AND CONTINUES BELIEVE NO OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENT WILL DO SO.

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I INFORMED DIORI U.S. CONSIDERED NIGERIA DIFFICULTIES AS
INTERNAL AFFAIR, AS DID NIGER, AND THAT WAS PRINCIPAL REASON
US CURRENT POSITION. SAID CONGO KINSHASA PROBLEM, WHICH
INVOLVED ATTACK BY MERCENTARIES, IN DIFFERENT CATEGORY. AMB

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MCCLINTOCK COMMENTED BRITISH INTEREST EASTERN NIGER OIL
ALSO PROBABLY A FACTOR BRITISH POSITION.

COMMENT: LITTLE DOUBT DIORI BELIEVES IT APPROPRIATE
US AND GREAT BRITAIN HELP FGN AND CONSIDERS SOVIET AND CZECH
MILITARY ASSISTANCE FGN UNDESIRABLE AND UNTIMELY DEVELOPMENT
WHICH COULD HAVE FUTURE REPERCUSSIONS EVEN FOR NIGER.

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1. WHEN I GAVE LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER BISHTI AUGUST 22
COPY OF DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO
NIGERIA, HE SAID HE WELCOMED CLARIFICATION U S POSITION
SINCE AMONG STORIES HE HAD TO COUNTER WAS ONE THAT U S
AND ISRAEL SUPPORTING BIAFRA.

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2. LIBYANS, STIMULATED BY RADIO CAIRO, HAVE EVER SINCE
ASSASSINATIONS IN NORTHERN NIGERIA IN 1965 BECA CONVINCED
THAT ISRAEL WITH U S HELP IS SEEKING BREAK UP NIGERIAN
FEDERATION BECAUSE OF NORTHERN NIGERIAN SUPPORT FOR ARAB
CAUSE. AS ILLOGICAL AS THIS MAY SOUND, IT POINTS UP
USEFULNESS HERE OF CONTINUED U S REITERATION OF SUPPORT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L IBADAN 114

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1. CONSULATE DOES NOT KNOW IF BOLA IGE MADE SPEECH ON
AUG 16 IN CLOSED LEADER OF THOUGHT MEETING IN IBADAN ADVOCATING
WESTERN NIGERIAN SECESSION OR WHETHER ANY SUCH PROPOSAL BROUGHT
TO VOTE AND DEFEATED. NO SUCH STORY HAS REACHED US AND WE
HAVE HEARD SEVERAL SECOND-HAND ACCOUNTS OF MEETING. IN FACT,
WE HAVE HEARD THAT MEETING LARGELY DEVOTED TO SPEECHES BY
AWOLOWO AND ADEBAYO AND THAT THERE WERE NO RESOLUTIONS.

2. WHILE BOLA IGE MIGHT HAVE SOME SYMPATHY WITH IDEA OF
SECESSIONIST MOVE TO END CIVIL WAR, CONSULATE DOUBTS HE
WOULD HAVE VOICED IT IN LARGE MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES ALL

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POLITICAL VIEWPOINTS, THOUGH HE MIGHT HAVE RAISED SUCH IDEA
AT SMALL AG STRATEGY MEETING PRECEEDING LEADERS OF THOUGHT

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MEETING. MOREOVER, OUR INFO IS THAT WORD WAS OUT BEFORE AUG 16 THAT ADVOCATES OF SECESSION WERE BEING WATCHED, WHICH IS ANOTHER REASON FOR BELIEVING IGE WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN RISK AT LARGER MEETING.

3. IT SHOULD ALSO BE NOTED THAT BOLA IGE HAS RECENTLY MADE SEVERAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS WIDELY REPORTED IN PRESS IDENTIFYING HIM WITH SUPPORT OF FMG MILITARY ACTION, MOST RECENTLY ON AUG 22 IN OPENING ADDRESS TO TRAINING COURSE FOR AGRICULTURAL PERSONNEL AT IFE.

4. WILL REPORT ANY FURTHER INFO THAT CAN BE DISCREETLY DEVELOPED BUT IN MEANWHILE WOULD SUGGEST GROSSMAN REPORT BE TREATED WITH CAUTION. WITHOUT HOLDING ANY BRIEF FOR IGE, WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE HE DISLOYAL TO AWO AND SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN PLACING POPULAR AG POLITICIAN IN JEOPARDY.
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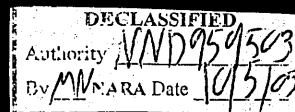
3. WILKES, MANAGER EPE BOATYARD AND BRITISH WARDEN IJEBU-ODE AREA, TOLD ME THAT IJEBU-ODE FILLED WITH TROOPS WHO WERE DISTINCTLY "ANTI-WHITE" IN THEIR APPROACH TO SEARCHES T ROEWBLOCKS SUSPECTING WHITES, EVEN CATHOLIC PRIEST OF BEING MERCENARIES. AS RESULT NON-ESSENTIAL BRITISH PULLED OUT OF AREA. HE SAID ONE COMPANY FMG TROOPS MOVED INTO EPE ON 17TH UNDER 2ND LT. BRODRICK (ONLY THREE MONTHS OUT OF SANDHURST AND ONLY OFFICER IN COMPANY) M. WILKES REPORTED SEVEN FERRETS AND ONE LARGER ARMoured VEHICLE IN IJEBU-ODE AREA. SOME 40 TRUCK LOADS TROOPS MOVED THROUGH IJEBU-ODE AREA TOWARDS ORE YESTERDAY. TROOPS ARE QUARTERED AT IJEBU-ODADGRAMMAR

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SCHOOL, TRADE CENTER AND MUSLIM BOYS HIGH SCHOOL. WILKES SAID MOST HIS PROBLEMS WITH UNDISCIPLINED MEMBERS RECRUITED YORUBA SOLDIERS WHO SHOWING OFF THEIR POSSESSION OF GUN. HE SAID THREE PEOPLE INCLUDING HIS YORUBA DRIVER KILLED OUTSIDE IJEBU-ODE ON 20TH FOR QUESTIONING ARBITRARY ORDER.

4. MOST OF ABOVE INFO CONFIRMED BY PEACE CORPS REP WHO RETURNED FROM TRIP TO AREA THIS AFTERNOON (23RD) AFTER EVACUATING REMAINING PSV'S. PEACE CORPS REP. ESTIMATED ATLEAST TWO COMPANIES IN IJEBU-ODE. HE ENCOUNTERED FIVE ROADBLOCKS IN FORTY-ONE MILE TRIP ON IJEBU-ODE-ORE ROAD. MAJR ALLY, NORTHERNER WHO IN CHARGE IJEBU-ODE TROOPS TOLD PEACE CORPS REP THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT GOING ON 25 MILES

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AWAY, NOR DID HE KNOW WHAT SECURITY MEASURES TROOPS MIGHT HAVE TAKEN ON IJERU-ODE-ORE ROAD. HE DID AGREE ALLOW PC REP PROCEED TO IBIADE AND GAVE HIM NOTE DESIGNED TO INSURE SAFE PASSAGE. FROM SEVERAL SOURCES, INCLUDING OWNER OF STORE AT ONIPARAGA (6,44N-4,28E), PEACE CORPS REP. LEARNED THAT SEVEN CIVILIANS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE YORUBA KILLED BY TROOPS AT ONIPARAGA ON NIGHT OF 20TH. AT ONE ROADBLOCK, NORTHERN SOLDIER CLAIMED HE HAD SHOT TWO MERCENARIES AT ORE AND EVEN QUESTIONED WHETHER PC REP WHO IS NEGRO MIGHT NOT BE MERCENARY. DISTINCT ANTI-WHITE CHARACTER OF TROOPS CONFIRMED

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BY PEACE CORPS REP. LOCAL POPULACE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT ANY TROOPS COMING INTO AREA, REGARDLESS OF SIDES AS THEY FEEL THAT THEY STAND LOSE THEIR FOOD SUPPLIES. LAGOS LAGOON REPORTED BY PEOPLE AT ONI (6,32N-4,14E) TO BE HEAVILY PATROLLED BY FMG FORCES IN BOATS. ILKES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LOCAL APPREHENSION THAT EASTERN FORCES MIGHT LAND ALONG LAGOON IN AREA OF EPE IN ORDECUDRIVE NORTH AND CUT CROSS-ROADS AT IJERU-ODE AND MOVE TO IKORODU OR IBADAN.

5. AMCIT IN AKURE HAS HEARD REPORTS OF FIGHTING IN IFON AND SGLE THOUGH ALL QUIET IN AKURE. ABOUT HALF OLD SHOPS CLOSED AS RESULT OF TENSION IN REGION.

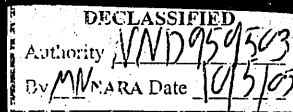
6. AMCITS IN ABEOKUTA REPORT TPQT SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE HEARD LAST THREE OR FOUR NIGHTS. THEY HAVE STORIES OF NORTHERN TROOPS KILLING EITHER EASTERNERS OR ANYONE "WHO DOESN'T COOPERATE". THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF ANY DEATHS IN THIS AREA. USAID RESIDENT PERSONEL WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY AND PEACE CORPS REP. TO VISIT AREA TOMORROW.

7. ALL PCV'S (IBADAN'S 107) NOW OUT OF OKITIPUPA, OWO, IJERU-ODE AND ONDO AREAS. ONLY AMERICANS REMAINING IN SHAGAMU-ILISHAN-IKENNE AREA ARE FOUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES, TWO TEACHERS, AND ONE MEDICAL MISSIONARY WHO ARE BEING ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: "AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY"

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MEASURE. AMERICAN CONSULATE ADVISES ALL AMERICAN CITIZENS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN, TO TEMPORARILY LEAVE AREA UNTIL PRESENT SITUATION SETTLES DOWN."

8. SEVERAL AMCITS AND BRITISH EXPATS REPORT HAVING SEEN APPROXIMATELY COMPANY STRENGTH PRESUMABLY NORTHERN TROOPS ARRIVE IN IBADAN BY TRAIN ABOUT 0730 THIS MORNING. THEY TAKEN UNKNOWN DESTINATION IN THREE BUSES.

9. AS FURTHER EXAMPLE PRESENT NERVOUS ATMOSPHERE IBADAN (IBADACUS 111), OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN DATED AUGUST 22, 1967 STATES: "ONE OF MAJOR PROBLZ S HAS BEEN NUMBER OF IBOS, MOSTLY WESTERN IBOS, STILL EMPLOYED HERE. THEY CONSIDERABLE SOURCE ANXIETY BECAUSE THEIR PRESENCE AROUSES STRONG FEELINGS... THERE IS ALWAYS POSSIBILITY THAT SOME HAVE OTHER LOYALTIES... PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED IN MID-WEST ALL IBOS ARE SUSPECT AND DO REPRESENT SERIOUS SECURITY RISK... THEY NEED SURVEILLANCE AND UNIVERSITY HAS GUARDED AGAINST INFILTRATION OF STRANGER ELEMENTS... ANYONE FOUND ON CAMPUS AT NIGHT WHO CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER OF STAFF, OR ANYONE AT ALL WHO IS SUSPECT TO PGICE, HAS BEEN SUMMARILY ARRESTED." CERTAIN AREAS DECLARED OUT OF BOUNDS FROM 7 P.M. TO 6 A.M. AND "ANYONE FOUND CONTRAVENING THIS REGULATION WILL BE

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SUMMARILY ARRESTED."

10. CONSULATE ADVISING AMCITS IN IBADAN TO BE PRUDENT AND CAUTIOUS ALONG LINES LAGOS 1784, THOUGH BELIEVE THEY GENERALLY ALREADY OBSERVING SUCH ADVICE.

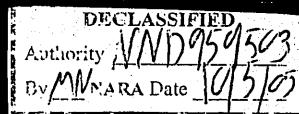
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3. WILKES, MANAGER EPE BOATYARD AND BRITISH WARDEN IJEBU-ODE AREA, TOLD ME THAT IJEBU-ODE FILLED WITH TROOPS WHO WERE DISTINCTLY "ANTI-WHITE" IN THEIR APPROACH TO SEARCHES AT ROADBLOCKS SUSPECTING WHITES, EVEN CATHOLIC PRIEST OF BEING MERCENARIES. AS RESULT NON-ESSENTIAL BRITISH PULLED OUT OF AREA. HE SAID ONE COMPANY FMG TROOPS MOVED INTO ERE ON 17TH UNDER 2ND LT. BRODRICK (ONLY THREE MONTHS OUT OF SANDHURST AND ONLY OFFICER IN COMPANY). WILKES REPORTED SEVEN FERRETS AND ONE LARGER ARMoured VEHICLE IN IJEBU-ODE AREA. SOME 40 TRUCK LOADS TROOPS MOVED THROUGH IJEBU-ODE AREA TOWARDS ORE YESTERDAY. TROOPS ARE QUARTERED AT IJEBU-ODE GRAMMAR

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SCHOOL, TRADE CENTER AND MUSLIM BOYS HIGH SCHOOL. WILKES SAID MOST HIS PROBLEMS WITH UNDISCIPLINED MEMBERS RECRUITED YORUBA SOLDIERS WHO SHOWING OFF THEIR POSSESSION OF GUN. HE SAID THREE PEOPLE INCLUDING HIS YORUBA DRIVER KILLED OUTSIDE IJEBU-ODE ON 20TH FOR QUESTIONING ARBITRARY ORDER.

RMU MOST OF ABOVE INFO CONFIRMED BY P LCE CORPS REP WHO RETURNED FROM TRIP TO AREA THIS AFTERNOON (23RD) AFTER EVACUATING REMAINING PCV'S. PEACE CORPS REP. ESTIMATED AT LEAST TWO COMPANIES IN IJEBU-ODE.

HE ENCOUNTERED FIVE ROADBLOCKS IN FORTY-ONE MILE TRIP ON IJEBU-ODE-ORE ROAD. MAJOR ALLY, NORTHERNER WHO IN CHARGE IJEBU-ODE TROOPS TOLD PEACE CORPS REP THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT GOING ON 25 MILES AWAY, NOR DID HE KNOW WHAT SECURITY MEASURES TROOPS MIGHT HAVE TAKEN ON IJEBU-ODE-ORE ROAD. HE DID AGREE ALLOW PC REP PROCEED TO YIBADE AND GAVE HIM NOTE DESIGNED TO INSURE SAFE PASSAGE. FROM

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CORPS REP. LEARNED THAT SEVEN CIVILIANS, INCLUDING AT LEAST ONE YORUBA KILLED BY TROOPS AT ONIPARAA ON NIGHT OF 20TH. AT ONE ROADBLOCK, NORTHERN SOLDIER CLAIMED HE HAD SHOT TWO MERCENARIES AT ONE AND EVEN QUESTIONED WHETHER PC REP WHO IS NEGRO MIGHT NOT BE MERCENARY. DISTINCT ANTI-WHITE CHARACTER OF TROOPS CONFIRMED

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BY PEACE CORPS REP. LOCAL POPULACE VERY NERVOUS ABOUT ANY TROOPS COMING INTO AREA, REGARDLESS OF SIDE, AS THEY FEEL THT THEY STAND LOSE THEIR FOODSUPPLIES. LAGOS LAGOON REPORTED BY PEOPLE AT ONI (6.32N-4.14E) TO BE HEAVILY PATROLLED BY FMG FORCES IN BOATS. WILKES PREVIOUSLY REPORTED LOCAL APPREHENSION THAT EASTERN FORCES MIGHT LAND ALONG LAGOON IN AREA OF EPE IN ORDER DRIVE NORTH AND CUT CROSS-R

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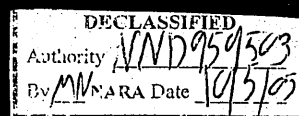
IT QUIET IN AKURE. ABO
UT HALF OWO SHOPS CLOSED AS RESULT
OF TENSION IN REGION.

6. AMCITS IN ABEOKUTA REPORT THAT SOUNDS OF GUNFIRE HEARD LAST THREE OR FOUR NIGHTS. THEY HAVE STORIES OF NORTHERN TROOPS KILLING EITHER EASTERNERS OR ANYONE "WHO DOESN'T COOPERATE" THERE IS NO CONFIRMATION OF ANY DEATHS IN THIS AREA. USAID RESIDENT PERSONNEL WATCHING SITUATION CLOSELY
ND PEACE CORPS REP. TO VISIT AREA
TOMORROW.

7. ALL PCVS (IBADAN'S 107) NOW OUT OF OWETIPUPA, OWO, IJEBU-ODE AND ONDO AREAS. ONLY AMERICANS REMAINING IN SHAGAMU-ILISHAN-IKENNE AREA ARE FOUR MISSIONARY FAMILIES, TWO TEACHERS, AND ONE MEDICAL MISSIONARY WHO ARE BEING ADVISED AS FOLLOWS: "AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY

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8. SEVERAL AMCITS AND BRITISH EXPATS REPORT HAVING SEEN APPROXIMAT
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COMPANY STRENGTH PRESUMABLY NORTHERN TROOPS ARRIVE IN IBADAN BY
TRAIN ABOUT 0730 THIS MORNING. TMZY TAKEN UNKNOWN DESTINATION IN
THREE BUSSEYUKTH

9. AS FURTHER EXJWPLE PRESENT NERVOUS ATMOSPHERE IBA
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III), OFFICIAL BULLETIN OF UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN DATED AUGUST 22,
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"ONE OF MAJOR PROBLEMS HAS BEEN NUMBER OF IBOS,
MOSTLY WESTERN IBOS, STILL EMPLOYED HERE. THEY CONSIDERABLE SOURCE
ANXIETY BECIR PRESENCE AROUSES STRONG FEELINGS... THERE IS
ALWAYS POSSIBILITY THAT SOME HAVE OTHER LOYALTIES... PARTICULARLY
IN VIEW OFSKFAT APPENED IN MID-WEST ALL IBOS ARE SUSPECT AND DO
REPRESENT SERIOUS SECURITY RISK... THEY NEED SURVEILLANCE AND UNIVER
SITY HAS GUARDED AGAINST INFILTRATION OF STRANGER ELEMENTS... ANY-
ONE FOUND ON CAMPUS AT NIGHT WHO CANNOT BE IDENTIFIED AS MEMBER
OF STAFF, OR ANYONE AT ALL WHO IS SUSPECT TO POLICE, HAS BEEN SUM-
MARILY ARRESTED." CERTAIN AREAS DECLARED OUT OF BOUNDS FROM 7 P.M.
TO 6 A.M. AND "ANYONE FOUND CONTRAVENING THIS REGULATION WILL BE

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SUMMARILY ARRESTED."

10. CONSULATE ADVISING AMCITS IN IBADAN TO BE PRUDENT AND CAUTIOUS
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SERVING SUCH ADVICE.

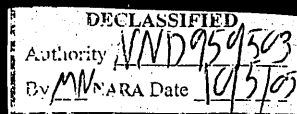
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ON TO THINNING ROPE, THERE ARE THOSE WHO...ARE GREATEST COWARDS IN CHRISTENDOM." EDITORIAL ASSERTS THERE NO NEED BE SCARED THIS WAY AND GOES ON TO SAY "IT BEHOVES ALL YORUBAS...BE PREPARED SACRIFICE THEIR LIVES, IF NEED BE, IN UPHOLDING STRUGGLE AIMED AT PRESERVING UNITY, EQUALITY AND CORPORATE EXISTENCE OF NIGERIAN NATION."

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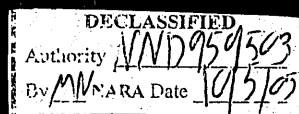
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4. COMMENT: SUCH EDITORIALS SCARCELY CALCULATED TO REASSURE OTHER YORUBAS OR NON-YORUBAS IN WEST.

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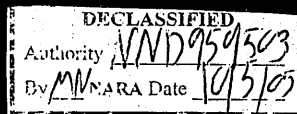
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JOINT EMBASSY-USIS MESSAGE.

1. FOL COMMENTARY BROADCAST BY LAGOS RADIO AFTER NEWSCASTS AT 1900 HOURS AUG 22 AND 0700 HOURS AUG 23.
2. SIMILAR COMMENT MUCH SHORTER AND WORSE WRITTEN BY DERIVED FROM SAME TEXT, PRINTED AS EDIT IN FMG-OWNED LAGOS MORNING POST AUG. 23.
3. BEGIN TEXT NEWSTALK: QTE THE TWO FACES OF THE US:
A. ONLY YESTERDAY, THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN NIGERIA, MR. ELBERT MATHEAS, GAVE RINGING ASSURANCES TO GENERAL GOWON TO THE EFFECT THAT

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THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT AS THE ONLY GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA.

B. SCARCELY HAD THE ECHOES OF THESE ASSURANCES DIED DOWN WHEN THE STATE DEPARTMENT ERUPTED IN AN AMAZING AND UNPRECEDENTED REPUDIATION OF AMBASSADOR MATHEWS. A SPOKESMAN OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT REGRETS THE PURCHASE OF RUSSIAN MILITARY AIRCRAFT BY NIGERIA; THAT THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAD CHOSEN TO REMAIN NEUTRAL IN THE NIGERIAN CRISIS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT WISH TO INTRODUCE THE ARMS RACE TO AFRICA. THE SPOKESMAN IS THEN REPORTED TO HAVE REFERRED TO THIS PURCHASE OF MILITARY AIRCRAFT FROM RUSSIA AS "MILITARY ASSISTANCE" TO NIGERIA.

C. NIGERIANS WILL RECALL THAT LESS THAN A MONTH AGO THE STATE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED TO THE WORLD THAT IT HAD TURNED DOWN A NIGERIAN REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE. WHEN PRESSED BY A NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT STATEMENT, THE ADMITTED THAT NIGERIA HAD NOT SOUGHT MILITARY ASSISTANCE BUT ONLY LICENSE TO PURCHASE AMERICAN ARMS. IN THEIR RECENT STATEMENT, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT STILL APPEARS NOT TO HAVE

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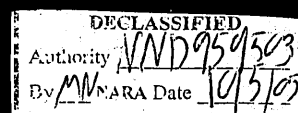
EARNED THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PURCHASE OF ARMS AND MILITARY AID. IF THEY KNOW THE DIFFERENCE, THEN MIXING UP THE TWO AGAIN ON THIS OCCASION CAN ONLY BE INTERPRETED AS A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO OBSTRUCT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AND TO BUILD UP EXCUSES FOR THEIR PRE-MEDIATED PLOT AGAINST THE INTEGRITY OF NIGERIA. D. LET IT BE RESTATED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE STATEMENT DEPARTMENT THAT THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ALL THE PEOPLES OF NIGERIA TO MAINTAIN THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THIS COUNTRY BY WHATEVER MEANS IS AVAILABLE TO IT WITHOUT WAITING FOR THE PLEASURE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

E. IT IS VERY WELL KNOWN IN NIGERIA THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

(1) THAT A LARGE QUANTITY OF CZECHOSLOVAK RIFLES AND

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MACHINE-GUNS SEIZED FROM THE REBELS
WERE PAID FOR IN THE
UNITED STATES DOLLARS. AS THE ENUGU REBELS HAVE NO DOLLARS

RESERVE ACCOUNT, THE WORLD WOULD LIKE THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
AGENCY OF AMERICA TO SAY HOW THIS MONEY WAS OBTAINED.

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(2) THE AMERICANS KNOW THAT THE ENUGU REBELS HAVE SIX
FRENCH-MADE HELICOPTERS AND TWO OR MORE AMERICAN-MANUFACTURED
B-26 BOMBERS WITH WHICH HUNDREDS OF NIGERIA CIVILIANS HAVE
BEEN KILLED OR MAIMED. THE STATE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TELL
THE WORLD WHY IT HAS NOT PROTESTED AGAINST HIS EXAMPLE OF
THE ARMS RACE IN AFRICA, PROMOTED BY AN UNRECOGNIZED REGIME.
DOES GUN-RUNNING CEASE TO BE OFFENSIVE WHEN IT IS ORGANIZED
BY WESTERN COUNTRIES?

(3) HAVE THE AMERICANS NOTHING TO SAY ABOUT THE ANTITANK
GUNS AND OTHER HEAVY WEAPONS OF AMERICAN ORIGIN CAPTURED
FROM THE REBELS? ARE NIGERIANS SERIOUSLY TO BELIEVE THAT
THE VAST NETWORK OF THE C.I.A. COULD NOT HAVE STOPPED THESE
WEAPONS IF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT WAS TRULY NEUTRAL IN THIS
CRISIS?

(4) PORTUGAL IS A COUNTRY CLOSELY ALLIED TO THE UNITED
STATES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANIZATION. AMERICA
CAN THEREFORE EASILY INFLUENCE PORTUGAL'S MILITARY POLICIES.
WHY MUST SHE TURN A BLIND EYE TO THE MILITARY TRAFFIC PASSING
THROUGH PORTUGAL TO THE REBEL REGIME OCCUPYING THE EASTERN

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STATES OF NIGERIA? AMERICA CLAIMS TO SEE DANGER IN NIGERIA'S
PURCHASE OF A FEW DEFENSIVE AIRCRAFT FROM COUNTRIES WILLING
TO SELL THEM TO HER. AND YET SHE HAS SHOWN NO CONCERN IN
THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL COMMUNIST CHINESE GUERRILLA AMONG
THE REBEL FORCES.

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I. LET'S SAY THE TRUTH: AMERICA'S CONCERN IS NOT OVER A FEW CZECHOSLOVAK OR RUSSIAN AIRCRAFT WHICH ARE USED IN LARGER NUMBERS IN THE U.A.R., THE SUDAN, ALGERIA, AND INDIA, SHE IS CONCERNED BECAUSE THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT HAS REFUSED TO TAKE AMERICA'S "NO" AS A FINAL ANSWER. THE AMERICANS AND THE BRITISH HAD HOPED THAT BY REFUSING TO SELL WEAPONS TO THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT, WHOM THEY PROFESS TO RECOGNIZE, THEY HAD SUCCEEDED IN TYING NIGERIA'S HANDS BEHIND HER BACK. THEY FAILED TO REALIZE THAT IN NIGERIA'S STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL AS ONE COUNTRY, ALL AVAILABLE WEAPONS MUST BE USED.

G. NOW, THE STATE DEPARTMENT TALKS OF AN ARMS RACE IN AFRICA. OF COURSE, IT IS A COMMON FAILING AMONG ALL WOULD-BE PATRONS OF AFRICAN NATIONS TO SEE NO DISTINCTION BETWEEN EACH AFRICAN NATION AND THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA. ALTHOUGH NIGERIA BELONGS TO THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA, SHE, AS A SOVEREIGN NATION, HAS HER UNIQUE PROBLEMS WHICH CANNOT BE DEALT WITH BY VAGUE REFERENCE TO AFRICA AS A CONTINENT.

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H. IN THE PRESENT CRISIS, NIGERIA IS NOT INVOLVED IN COMPETITION, MILITARY OR OTHERWISE, WITH ANY OTHER AFRICAN NATION. THEREFORE ALL TALK OF AN ARMS RACE IN AFRICA, WHEN DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN NIGERIA, BETRAYS AT BEST A CONFUSION OF THOUGHT. THE ABSURDITY OF THIS CONFUSION WOULD BE PARALLELED IF THE PURCHASE OF RIFLES AND OTHER SMALL ARMS BY AMERICAN NEGROES FOR THEIR DEFENSE WOULD BE REFERRED TO AS AN "ARMS RACE IN NORTH AMERICA".

I. THE MOST ALARMING FEATURE OF AMERICA'S MANEUVERS IN NIGERIA IS THAT IN THEIR THINLY-DISGUISED SUPPORT FOR THE IBOS OF NIGERIA, THEY HAVE NOT SHOWN THE SLIGHTEST REGARD OR UNDERSTANDING FOR THE NEEDS AND RIGHTS OF THE 5 MILLION NON-IBOS OF THE FORMER EASTERN REGION NOW BEING RUTHLESSLY SUPPRESSED AND SUBJUGATED BY OJUKWUS PRIVATE ARMY. THIS WANTON DISREGARD FOR THE INTEREST OF MINORITIES IS, AS WE ALL KNOW, A COMMON FEATURE OF AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLICY.

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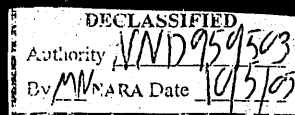
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J. IF, AS IS NOW WIDELY DISCUSSED IN WELL-INFORMED CIRCLES, IT IS AMERICA'S AIM TO BALKANIZE NIGERIA, IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE CHEAP OIL SUPPLIES OF THE RIVERS STATE FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR WESTERN ALLIES, NIGERIANS WOULD LIKE THEM TO KNOW THAT THEY WOULD FIRST HAVE TO KILL OF EVERY CITIZEN OF THIS COUNTRY AS THEY ARE NOW TRYING TO DO IN VIETNAM BEFORE THEIR PLANS CAN SUCCEED. UNQUOTE.
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1. SPECIAL GRD MISSION, CONSISTING FOREIGN MINISTER, MINISTER INFORMATION, CHIEF PRESIDENT'S MILITARY CABINET AND DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTED COTONOU MORNING AUGUST 23 FOR ONE DAY VISIT LAGOS, DAHOMEANS ACCOMPANIED BY NIGERIAN CHARGE BASED COTONOU. ACCORDING OFFICIAL PRESS SERVICE, MISSION INTENDS MEET WITH GOWAN AND OTHER IMPORTANT OFFICIALS FOR DISCUSSION WORSENING NIGERIAN SITUATION.

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2. DIRECTOR GENERAL FONOFF INFORMED EM OFF MISSION BEING UNDERTAKEN INITIATIVE OF GRD. SENDING OF MISSION DESIGNED DEMONSTRATE DAHOMEY, AS FRIENDLY NEIGHBOR, CONCERNED BY DETERIORATING SITUATION. SECRETARY GENERAL SAID GRD HAD TO SHOW SOME INTEREST AND COULD NOT SIMPLY FALL BACK ON ARGUMENT THAT CONFLICT IN NIGERIA MATTER OF CONCERN ONLY TO NIGERIANS. FRANKLY ADMITTED THAT THERE

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SUBJ: NIGERIA: COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT PEACE INITIATIVE

1. DEPUTY SYG (YAW ADU) OF COMMONWEALTH SECRETARIAT INFORMS US THAT PLANS PROGRESSING FOR BID BY CS TO GET NIGERIAN TALKS UNDERWAY (REFTEL).

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2. ARNOLD SMITH AND ADU SPOKE AUGUST 22 TO GEORGE THOMAS AND ERIC NORRIS OF CO AND TO BRITISH HICOMER HUNT (WHO CALLED BACK FROM LAGOS YESTERDAY FOR CONSULTATION ON THIS AND OTHER QUESTIONS). HUNT TOLD THEM THT HE DOUBTED FMG WAS IN MOOD TO TALK BUT HE DID NOT WISH TO DISCOURAGE SMITH AND ADU FROM TRYING TO GET SOMETHING GOING. CO SAW NO INDICATION THAT ATMOSPHERE WOULD BE MORE FAVORABLE IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE AND THOMAS AND NORRIS THEREFORE THOUGHT EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE NOW.

3. ACCORDINGLY, SMITH HAS ASKED NIGERIAN HICOMER OGUNDIPE

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TO INFORM GOWON THAT SMITH IS PREPARED TO GO IMMEDIATELY TO LAGOS TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES FOR GETTING NEGOTIATIONS STARTED. SINCE SMITH IS SCHEDULED GO TO CANADA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, HE INTENDS MAKE CLEAR TO OGUNDIPE THAT TIME WAS OF ESSENCE. IF FMG WILL RECEIVE HIM, HE WOULD LIKE TO PROCEED LAGOS WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS. ACCORDING TO ADU, ONE OF FIRST THINGS SMITH WILL TRY TO DISCUSS WITH FMG IS PARTIAL CEASE-FIRE OR STAND DOWN. WHILE FMG WOULD CERTAINLY BE UNWILLING TO LIFT SEA BLOCKADE, SMITH THINKS THAT GOWON MIGHT CONSIDER TEMPORARY HALT OF AIR AND LAND ACTIVITY IF OJUKWU WOULD DO SAME.

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4. YAW ADU FOR HIS PART STILL PLANS TRIP TO ACCRA TO GET ANKRAH USE HIS INFLUENCE IN LAGOS AND ENUGU TO GET TALKS STARTED. ADU TENTATIVELY EXPECTS FLY TO ACCRA AUGUST 23 OR 24.

5. COMMENT: SMITH AND ADU RECOGNIZE DANGER THAT PREMATURE INITIATIVE MIGHT DAMAGE PEACE PROSPECTS AND MAKE COMMONWEALTH LESS ACCEPTABLE AS MEDIATOR LATER. NEVERTHELESS, THEY BELIEVE RISK CAN BE REDUCED BY KEEPING THEIR EFFORTS IN LOW KEY AND THEY SEE NOTHING TO BE GAINED BY WAITING WHILE CONFLICT ESCALATES FURTHER.

6 SINCE SMITH BELIEVES HE MUST INFORM COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS OF HIS PLANS THERE IS OF COURSE LIKELIHOOD OF LEAKS EVEN BEFORE HE GETS UNDERWAY. SMITH WILL HOWEVER CAUTION COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS THAT LEAKS COULD HURT HIS CHANCES.

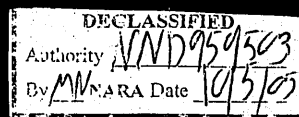
7 BRITISH MEANWHILE ARE DESPERATELY ANXIOUS TO GET FIGHTING

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STOPPD. PRINCIPAL REASON FOR HUNT'S SUDDEN RETURN FOR CONSULTATION (LITTLE MORE THAN TWO WEEKS AFTER LAST VISIT) WAS TO DISCUSS ARMS SUPPLY PROBLEM WHICH BRITISH ARE STILL AGONIZING OVER. KAISER

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1. FMG RELEASE TRANSMITTED LAGOS 1777 TWICE MENTIONS
QTE STATEMENT UNQTE WHICH LED ME TO BELIEVE RELEASE BASED
ON SOME OTHER DOCUMENT. EXTAFF ASSURES ME, HOWEVER, THAT
WORD QTE STATEMENT UNQTE REFERS TO RELEASE ITSELF. RELEASE
IS INTERESTING DOCUMENT WHICH UNLIKELY TO HAVE GIVEN MUCH
SATISFACTION TO USSR, SINCE IT SAYS DESPITE PURCHASE OF

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SOVIER ARMS, FMG STILL PREFERS BUY ARMS IN UK AND US AND
QTE MAINTAINS ITS TRADITIONAL FRIENDSHIPS AND FOREIGN
POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT UNQTE.

2. INACCURATE AND INFLAMMATORY RADIO TALK AND RELATED
COMMENTARY IN TODAY'S MORNING POST (LAGOS 1773) REVEAL

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NIGERIAN RESENTMENTS AT US POSITION AND APPREHENSIONS OF USG POLICY. MAJOR POINTS ARE (A) USG QUICK TO CRITICIZE FMG PURCHASE OF ARMS FROM USSR BUT REMAINING SILENT ABOUT QTE REBELS' UNQTE ACQUISITIONS FROM COMMUNIST AS WELL AS WESTERN SOURCES, (B) USG HAS NOT USED ITS INFLUENCE WITH WESTERN ALLIES TO PREVENT FLOW OF ARMS TO OJUKWU, (C) ROLE OF CIA IS OPEN TO QUESTION AND (D) USG IS FAVORABLY DISPOSED TOWARD IBOS AND SEEKING BREAKUP OF NIGERIA. WRONG AS THESE IDEAS ARE, IT IS UNFORTUNATELY FACT THAT MANY NIGERIANS HOLD THEM.

3. MINOR POINTS ARE REFERENCES TO USG USE OF TERMS QTE MILITARY ASSISTANCE UNQTE AND QTE ARMS RACE UNQTE. AS THESE TERMS NOT USED IN DEPT'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21, I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THAT THEY WERE LOOSELY USED BY VOA AND BBC COMMENTATORS FROM WHOM MOST NIGERIANS LEARNED OF

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STATEMENT.

4. AT MY INSTRUCTIONS DPAO CARTER THIS MORNING PROTESTED TO ENAHERO, COMMISSIONER OF INFORMATION AND LABOR, ABOUT INFLAMMATORY NATURE RADIO TALK AND POST COMMENTARY. PERSONAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THEM ARE EXCELLENT AND ENAHERO RESPONDED IN COMPLETELY CANDID AND FRIENDLY MANNER. SUBSTANCE OF HIS REMARKS WAS THAT WHILE GOWON REMAINS CONVINCED OF USG BONA FIDES, MOST OF GOWON'S FMG ASSOCIATES BELIEVE DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT SIGNALLED SHIFT IN USG POSITION TO OPEN SUPPORT OJUKWU. RADIO TALK WHILE EXTREME IN LANGUAGE REFLECTED THINKING OF SENIOR FMG OFFICIALS. ENAHERO WAS UNWILLING TO PREDICT IMPROVEMENT IN NIGERIAN ATTITUDES TOWARD US UNLESS USG TOOK QTE QUICK DIPLOMATIC MOVES UNQTE TO REMEDY SITUATION.

5. DATT'S MILITARY AND POLICE CONTACTS HAVE BEEN ATTACKING USG POLICY AND ATTITUDE WITH UNANIMITY BUT VARYING DEGREES OF BITTERNESS.

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6. ONE OF FEW BRIGHT SPOTS IS THAT OF THREE NEWSPAPER REPORTING FMG PRESS RELEASE THIS MORNING, ONLY POST

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USES IT AS OCCASION FOR ATTACK ON US. DAILY TIMES FEATURED HELPFUL EDITORIAL, NEW STORY AND LETTER FROM PAO HUTCHINSON CONCERNING QTE PRIVATE EYE UNQTE CHARGES OF CIA INVOLVEMENT IN NIGERIA.

7. UNFORTUNATELY, IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN TIMES HELPFUL INTERVENTION TO DISABUSE MANY NIGERIANS OF SUSPICION AND IN SOME CASES CONVICTION THAT CIA IS SUPPORTING OJUKWU. THIS SUSPICION HAS BEEN SIMMERING UNDER COVER FOR SOME TIME BUT HAS NOW BOILED OVER. WE RECEIVED FIRST CLEAR INDICATION OF THIS AUGUST 18 WHEN NIELSEN OF AAI TOLD ME THAT THREE SENIOR FMG CIVIL SERVANTS WHOM HE SAW THAT DAY HAD ALL RAISED QUESTION OF CIA ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA. AT THAT STAGE, CIA WAS NOT DIRECTLY LINKED TO NIGERIAN DEVELOPMENTS, IT IS NOW.

8. I NOTE FROM USIA TRAFFIC THAT WASHINGTON HOPES THAT DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT WILL STIMULATE AFRICAN REACTIONS TO SOVIER ARMS SALE TO NIGERIA, FIRST

REACTION, WHICH MAY IN FACT HAVE PRECEDED DEPT'S STATEMENT, CAME FROM TANZANIA. SECOND HAS APPEARED IN LIBERIA.

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AS TANZANIA REGARDED HERE AS PRO-OJUKWU AND LIBERIA'S COMMENT WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO US INFLUENCE, I REGRET THAT THESE REACTIONS WILL ONLY CONFIRM NIGERIAN FEARS USG IS TRYING UNDERMINE FMG.

9. IF FMG REVIEW OF ITS POLICY TOWARD SALE OF ARMS TO FMG SHOULD LEAD TO DRYING UP OF BRITISH SOURCES, WE CAN EXPECT THAT THIS WILL BE ATTRIBUTED TO US INFLUENCE.

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TO: I BELIEVE I CAN NOW SUMMARIZE PREVALENT
NIGERIAN VIEWS ON DEPT'S AUGUST 21 STATEMENT AS

FOLLOWS: (A) IT WAS CALCULATED ATTACK ON FMG;
(B) IT THREATENED USG SUPPORT OF QTE BIAFRA UNQTE
AS COUNTER TO SOVIET SALE OF ARMS TO FMG; AND (C)
IT INJECTED COLD WAR INTO NIGERIA. RE LAST POINT,
FINAL CLAUSE OF FMG RELEASE IS RELEVANT.

IF WE SHALL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS AT ALL LEVELS
TO COUNTERACT THESE MISONCEPTIONS OF USG ATTITUDE
AND POLICY BUT IT IS UPHILL TASK.
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1. GROSSMAN OF TIME MAGAZINE REPORTS STORY AMONG
LAGOS YORUBAS THAT BOLA IGA MADE SPEECH AT LEADERS OF
THOUGHT MEETING IBADAN AUGUST 16 WHICH IN EFFECT
ADVOCATED SECESSION OF WESTERN NIGERIA TO STOP CIVIL
WAR. SECESSION WAS ALLEGEDLY BROUGHT TO VOTE AT MEETING
AND DEFEATED BY UNKNOWN MAJORITY.

2. CAN CONSULATE CONFIRM IF THERE ANY TRUTH TO REPORT?
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AS YOU AWARE, AS A CONSEQUENCE OF DEPT'S STATEMENT OF AUGUST 21
AND NIGERIAN REACTION THERETO IS DANGER NEW OUTBURST
ANTI-AMERICANISM. AMCITS SHOULD BE URGED ADOPT "HEADS
DOWN" POSITION, STAY OFF STREETS AFTER DARK, BE CAREFUL
OF PUBLIC GATHERINGS, ETC., SO AS TO MINIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR INCIDENTS.
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1. Press guidance on Portuguese news agency dispatch (reftel) put on if-asked basis because of implications any statement concerning support of Central Government in Congo would have for our policy in present Nigerian situation. (State's 24224) USG already being ~~bitter~~ bitterly criticized in Nigeria for failure give Federal Nigerian Government same support we give Congolese in their struggle against mercs.
2. For Lisbon: Would appreciate your checking again to see if UPI in fact cited by Portuguese press agency.

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UNCLAS KADUNA 1971. NEW NIGERIAN OF AUGUST 23 CARRIES FULL TEXT OF
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DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON USSR ARMS SHIPMENT TO NIGERIA.
THEN, IN FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL TITLED, "TOO MUCH TALK--TOO
LITTLE THOUGHT," NEW NIGERIAN SAYS.

AT "THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT HAS ONCE MORE MADE A STATE-
MENT ABOUT NIGERIA. PART OF IT READS:

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B) "IT REMAINS THE HOPE OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT THAT THE
PRESENT DESTRUCTIVE INTERNAL CONFLICT IN NIGERIA WILL
YIELD TO A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT AND THAT ALL WHO WISH THAT
COUNTRY WELL WILL DEVOTE THEIR ENERGIES TO THAT END.

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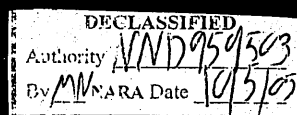
S E C R E T 0363 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT:
UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.
CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACS1.

1. SUPREME MIL COUNCIL (SMC) IN LONG SESSION TODAY (30 AUGUST) WITH ARMY, NAVY, AIR FORCE PLANNERS IN ATTENDANCE. MEETING COMMENCED 10000 HOURS LOCAL AND STILL IN SESSION 1345 HOURS LOCAL. DATT BELIEVES SESSION PRIMARILY MIL IN NATURE AND POSSIBILITY SETTING FMG STRATEGY IMMEDIATE FUTURE PROBABLE.
2. WITH KEY SOURCES UNAVAILABLE, FOLLOWING EMERGES FROM

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OBSERVATIONS DATT, DAO STAFFERS OR OTHER FMG AND/OR EXPAT SOURCES WHOSE RELIABILITY IN AREAS REPORTED ON ACCEPTED:
A. UK DEPUTY HIGH COMMISSIONER BENIN REPORTED ONE NAF JET, TYPE UNIDENTIFIED, DROPPED FOUR BOMBS, OF WHICH THREE EXPLODED, ON BENIN 29 AUGUST. SOURCE PROVIDED NO DETAILS DAMAGE OR NATURE TARGET (S). MEMBER SMC TOLD DATT NITE 29 AUGUST ONE L-29 BOMBED "TROOP AND VEHICLE CONCENTRATION" BENIN THAT DAY.

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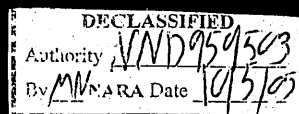
SAME SOURCE TOLD DATT ONE DC-3 HAD ALSO CONDUCTED RAIDS ONITSHA AREA TARGETS. SOURCE UNINFORMED AS TO DAMAGE EITHER TARGET. RELIABLE EXPAT SOURCE CONFIRMED ONITSHA RAID 29 AUGUST AND GAVE TIME AS APPROX 1400 LOCAL.
B. SIGNIFICANT NIGERIAN NAVY MOVEMENTS CONTINUE. LCT LOKOJA DEPARTED LAGOS FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION 300645 AUG LOCAL. UNABLE DETERMINE AS YET CARGO OR TROOPS ABOARD. NNS NIGERIA ALSO REPORTED TAKING FUEL ABODID NOON TODAY. SINCE WITH EXCEPTION NIGERIA AND ENUGU, EFFECTIVE STRENGTH NIGERIAN NAVY AT SEA, ALL INDICATIONS CONTINUE BUILDUP LIKELY FMG ACTION IN SOUTHERN PORTION MID-WEST OR CALABAR AREA. AS LOKOJA COMPARATIVELY SLOW VESSEL, NO SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS YET READ INTO SOLO DEPARTURE THIS MORNING. PATTERN AT TIME

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BONNY OPERATION WAS THAT LOKOJA DEPARTED CONSIDERABLY IN ADVANCE FASTER UN Z FLEHUS WHICH FOLLOWED. THUS, BASIS ESTIMATING LIKELY AREA EMPLOYMENT MUST DEPEND, TO SOME DEGREE, ON ACTIONS NIGERIA AND, EVEN MORE IMPORTANT, WHETHER TROOP CARRIER (ORANYAN OR SIMILAR NIG NAT LINES VESSEL) ALSO DEPARTS LATE TONITE OR TOMORROW. REASONING HERE AS OF NOW IS THAT IF TROOP CARRIER (S) DO DEPART WITHIN REASONABLE SPAN OF TIME TO MATCH LOKOJAS DEPARTURE, AREA OF EMPLOYMENT COULD WELL BE CALABAR. ON OTHER HAND, HOWEVER, IF NO TROOP CARRIER (S) DEPART, MORE LIKELY POSSIBILITY WOULD SEEM TO BE EXTENSION OF DRIVE INTO MID-WEST FROM ESCRAVOS AREA WITH TROOPS (AT LEASE REINFORCED BN) LTCATAVOTHEREAT. THINKING IS THAT IF TROOPS NOT DISPATCHED IT MORE LIKELY THAT LOKOJA WILL BE EMPLOYED IN CREEKS MOVING TROOPS ALREADY ON SCENE AT ESCRAVOS. IF MORE TROOPS DEPART LAGOS, HOWEVER, CHANCES CALABAR OPERATION CONSIDERED STRONGER THAN ESCRAVOS. (ALTHOUGH IF TROOP SHIP (S) DO GO OUT, ESCRAVOS CAN STILL NOT BE RULED OUT COMPLETELY).
C. TWO L-29 DELFIN (CZECH) JETS SEEN FLYING OPERATIONAL PATTERNS VICINITY IKEJA TODAY. RELIABLE OBSERVER SAID

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TWO PLANES PILOTED BY NEGROES.
BOTH JETS HAD ARMAMENT PODS AFFIXED UNDER WINGS AND ONE
HAD WING TANKS IN PLACE. REPORTS FROM AMCONSUL
IBADAN INDICATE JETS ALSO OPERATIONAL THAT VICINITY. DESCRIP-
TION INDICATES THESE ALSO L-29S. U.K. DEFENSE ADVISOR HAS
REPORT FROM SIGNIFICANT NIGERIAN CIVILIAN SOURCE WHICH CLAIMS
IT STILL NOT CERTAIN WHETHER RUSSIANS WOULD TRAIN MERCENARY
PILOTS TO FLY MIGS. ALLEGEDLY, THEY HAVE MADE IT CLEAR THEY
WOULD NOT TRAIN U.S. TYPES BUT THAT PERHAPS BRITISH PILOTS
WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE.

3. ON GROUND FRONT DELAY IN RECEIPT COMMUNICATIONS AND SIT-
REPS FROM FRONT LEAVE LARGE GAPS IN INFO (NOT ONLY OURS BUT
KEY FMG FIGURES AS WELL). BEST AVAILABLE TODAY IS THAT FMG
FORCES ARE CONTINUE MOVE SLOWLY EAST. SOME U.K. SOURCES
BELIEVE IT LIKELY FMG FORCES MOVING ON OFOSU RIVER ONCE AGAIN.
THIS GETTING FMG FORCES BACK TO POINT WHERE THEY ABMUSHED BY
EASTERN FORCES NITE 20/21 AUGUST. ON OKENE FRONT FMG SOURCES
BELIEVE FORCES AT OR ON OUTSKIRTS AUCHI. THERE ALSO SOME
INDICATION SUBSTANTIAL FMG BUILDUP ON ROUTE NINE SOUTH OWO
IN DIRECTION IFON AND SOBE. THIS COULD BE DEFENSIVE IN

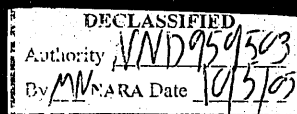
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NATURE BUT ESTIMATED SIZE FORCE, AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND MEN,
ALSO GIVES OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY THAT AREA WHICH COULD BE USED
IN CONJUNCTION FMG DRIVE TO EAST AT AUCHI.

4. SOURCE ARMY HQ THIS MORNING SAID MUHAMMEDS SECOND DIVISION
HAD THREE BRIGADES ASSIGNED. ESSENTIALLY, IT BELIEVED ONE
ON ORE ROAD, ONE ON AKURE/OWO ROAD AND ONE MOVING SOUTH FROM
AKURE. THIS WOULD PRODUCE AT LEAST SIX AND POSSIBLY NINE
OR MORE BNS AVAILABLE MUHAMMED FOR HIS DRIVE INTO MID-WEST.
SAME SOURCE NEWLY CREATED FMG THIRTIETH BN AT APAPA. DETAILS
ON ACTUAL STRENGTH BRIGADES SECOND DIVISION AND BRIGADE
COMMANDERS CONCERNED NOW BEING SOUGHT. IN ADDITION MAJOR
GODWIN ALLY, REPORTED AS COMMANDER ONE OF BRIGADES IN DIVISION;
DATT BELIEVES MAJOR IPOOLA ALANI AKINRINADE, AG NIGERIAN ARMY
HQ, ALSO HAD ONE OF BRIGADES. AKINRINADE IS SANDHURST GRAD
AND GRAD INF CARREER COURSE BENNING AUG 65 TO MAY 66. ALSO

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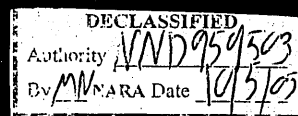
COMPLETED AIRBORNE TRAINING BENNING AFTER INF COURSE.

5. LAGOS HARBOR MASTER SOURCES SAY J.K. REGISTERED 8586
GROSS TON CARGO VESSEL IGORI DUE LAGOS 1 SEP WITH AT LEAST
SIXTEEN BOFORS MORRILE MOUNT 40MM ANTI AIRCRAFT GUNS ON BOARD.
THIS IS BALANCE TOTAL 24 PURCHASED FROM U.K. FIRST EIGHT OF

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WHICH FLOWN OUT. A BRITISH ARMY WARRANT OFFICER ALSO DUE
LAGOS TOMORROW TO TRAIN NIGERIAN ARMY PERSONNEL IN ASSEMBLY
AND USE OF GUNS. GP-3.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L KADUNA 198

1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON BOMBING OF KANO AIRPORT AND
ARRIVAL SOVIET AIRCRAFT GAINED FROM AMCITS STATIONED IN
KANO AND KADUNA BPAO SUGDEN WHO JUST RETURNED FROM VISIT
TO KANO.

A. B-26 MADE THREE BOMBING RUNS, ON FIRST RUN DROPPING

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WHAT APPEARED TO BE TWO NAPALM TYPE BOMBS ON APRON OF OLD
AIR TERMINAL, SETTING OLD TERMINAL ON FIRE AND GUTTING IT.
ON EACH OF OTHER TWO RUNS, B-26 DROPPED TWO BOMBS, ONE
WHICH WAS A DUD. OTHERS FELL IN OPEN AREA EXCEPT ONE
WHICH DAMAGED WING OF SOVIET AIRCRAFT.
B. HEINZ FREI, GERMAN STATION EMPLOYEE OF NIGERIA AIR-
WAYS, REPORTEDLY HELPED REMOVE DUD BOMB AND DESCRIBED IT
TO AMCIT AS ABOUT TWO FEET LONG, ONE FOOT IN DIAMETER.

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FREI ALSO SHOWED AMCIT FRAGMENT OF ONE OF BOMBS. FRAGMENT WAS CAST IRON WITH AIR BUBBLES WHICH AMCIT THOUGHT INDICATED HOME MANUFACTURE.

C. HEINZ FAEI TOLD AMCIT HE HAD COUNTED TEN MIG-19S. AMCITS AT AIRPORT REPORT FIFTEEN SIVIEI TRANSPORTS ARRIVED AUGUST 18, THAT THEY SIMILAR TO C-130S. ONLY MARKINGS VISIBLE WERE CYRILLIC LETTERS "CCCP" AND RED RECTANGLE ON EACH TAIL. AFTER ARRIVAL OF TRANSPORTS AMCITS UNABLE TO RETURN FOR CLOSER LOOK SINCE AIRPORT NOW CLOSED TO OUTSIDERS. TWO AMCITS WERE ABLE TO SEE MIG FUSELAGES BEING UNLOADED FROM TRANSPORTS, WITH WINGS AND TAIL SECTIONS APPARENTLY PACKED SEPARATELY.

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D. TWO MIGS REPORTEDLY ASSEMBLED AS OF AUGUST 21, ONE MIG REPORTEDLY OBSERVED FLYING ON AUGUST 20, 21, AND 22. ON AUGUST 22 AIR RAID SIRENS SOUNDED IN JGNO. ONE AMCIT REPORTED SEEING B-26 DESPITE HEAVY CLOUDCOVER AND NO FURTHER REPORT OF B-26 BOMBING.

E. FORTY RUSSIAN PERSONNEL REPORTEDLY STAYING AT CENTRAL HOTEL. KANO. BPAO REPORTS HE COUNTED THIRTY-TWO RUSSIAN PERSONNEL IN HOTEL DINING ROOM, MOST OF THEM YOUNG MEN IN THEIR TWENTIES WITH A SPRINKLING OF OLDER, HEAVIER TYPES. TWO NIGERIAN SOLDIERS NOW STATIONED AT HOTWL PRESUMABLY BECAUSE OF THE RUSSIAN PERSONNEL.

F. CZECH JET TRAINER FLEW ABOUT KANO ON AUGUST 18 AND IN LANDING, OVERRAN RUNWAY. PLANE'S LANDING GEAR REPORTEDLY DAMAGED WHEN PERSONNEL REMOVED PLANE FROM THE MUD.

G. BRUCE BENT OF MOBIL OIL REPORTS HIS FIRM STILL BRINGING JET FUEL TO KANO AND GOOD SUPPLY ON HAND.

2. COMMENT: IDENTIFICATION OF SOVIET JETS AS MIG-19S BASED ON STATEMENT OF HEINZ FREI (SEE PARA TWO. M CAN

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EMBASSY CONFIRM IDENTITY OF AIRCRAFT?

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3. LATEST RUMOR, PICKED UP IN KANO BY BPAO AND
REPORTED BY AMCIT FROM ILORIN, IS THAT FMG ADVERTISING
FOR MERCENARY PILOTS TO FLY THE MIGS.
GP-3 STOKES.

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1. MILITARY. FOLLOWING PROVIDED BY CAPT AMOS GINGER, FORMERLY
ADJUTANT ONE BN AND NOW RPT NOW FIELD COMMANDER ASSIGNED MBU

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RPT MBU (6.47N - 7.37.E) IN CONVERSATION WITH CONSULATE OFFICER AT 1500Z TODAY. SAID BIAFRAN FORCES NOW OCCUPY IDAH, HAVING CROSSED RIVER FROM MIDWEST, AND HAVE MOVED NW FROM NSUKKA TO OKUTU (6.57N - 7.15E), VILLAGE ON EAST-NORTH BORDER. SAID FEDERAL FORCES ON OKUTU-IDAH ROAD BEING FORCED RETREAT NORTHWARD ALONG BUSH TRACKS, WHILE FEDERAL TROOPS FORMERLY ISOLATED AT NSUKKA NOW RPT NOW VIRTUALLY DESTROYED. VIGOROUSLY DENIED FMG OCCUPYING OPI. ON EASTERN SIDE NSUKKA SECTOR, GINGER SAID BIAFRAN TROOPS OCCUPYING IKEM (6.46N - 7.22E), NINE MILES NORTH EHA AMUFU. ACCORDING GINGER, FEDERAL FORCES HAVE NEVER RPT NEVER OCCUPIED EHA AMUFU ALTHOUGH BIAFRANS DID WITHDRAW FROM TOWN WHICH HEAVILY SHELLLED BY FMG ARTILLERY LOCATED ACROSS BORDER IN NORTHERN REGION. (COMMENT: EHA AMUFU IS INCONSEQUENTIAL WHISTLE STOP ON ENUGU-OTURKPO RAIL LINE. TOWN LOCATED THREE MILES FROM NORTHERN BORDER, TWENTY-FIVE AIR MILES FROM ENUGU. ROUTE TO ENUGU FROM EHA

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AMUFU INVOLVES USE OF MUD ROADS AND CROSSING OF MANY RAIN-SWOLLEN CREEKS.)

2. NEW EQUIPMENT. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT BEEN ABLE IDENTIFY TRACKED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS FIRST SEEN AT ENUGU YESTERDAY. LAST NIGHT CONSULATE OFFICER SAW FOUR ADDITIONAL VEHICLES (WHICH APPEARED BE ARMORED HALF-TRACKS) ON TRUCKS. CAPT GINGER SAID "ABOUT 40" ARMORED VEHICLES ARRIVED VIA CALABAR.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS. DELEGATION OF ABOUT 50 GRADUATES OF AMERICAN UNIVERSITIES CALLED AT CONSULATE THIS MORNING AND PRESENTED PETITION REQUESTING USG USE ALL MEANS DISSUADE BRITAIN AND RUSSIA FROM INTERVENTION ON SIDE OF FMG. PETITION "FULLY ENDORSED" DEPARTMENT STATEMENT.

4. MEDIA AND PUBLIC OPINION. PRESS AND RADIO CONTINUE PRAISE AMERICAN "NONINTERVENTION" WHILE DRAGGING BRITAIN AND SOVIET UNION OVER COALS. EVEN LOCAL CHAPTERS OF "BIAFRAN-SOVIET

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FRIENDSHIP SOCIETY" ARE DENOUNCING SOVIET UNION.

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Following is text of Dept spokesman noon briefing, August 22:

Q: In view of fighting in Nigeria, are there any further evacuations taking place there?

A: The Peace Corps, I believe, announced today evacuation of additional PCVs from midwestern region. I don't have details here but the Peace Corps would.

Q: Are we sending any help in evacuation there more than we have before?

A: I haven't seen anything to indicate that we've sent anything at all.

Q: Do you have some information today about what Soviet arms reached Nigeria?

A: No. I'm sorry I can't pursue that any further today. As I said yesterday, we do have reports of our own in addition to press reports. We do know that certain items have gone forward and technicians, but I'm just not in a position yet to give you any breakdown.

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1. Department's statement reflected concern at increased Soviet activity in Africa of which Nigeria is latest example. There no implication in statement that any change impending in our policy of recognition of FMG, our hope that all Nigerians will determine their form of association, our nonrecognition of Biafra, and finally our refusal to supply arms to either side.

2. Gowon can be assured US noted his earlier statements that FMG acquisition Czech aircraft did not represent change in his government's ideology or alignment (Lagos 1294). US trusts this also applicable to Soviet purchases.

At same time, US hopes he fully aware of well known Soviet tactics of

exploiting such transactions for political or ideological purposes. ~~XXXXXX~~

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3. Guidance re press will follow.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 577

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1. FOREIGN MINISTRY INFORMED EMBASSY OFFICER TODAY THAT MINOR AMOUNTS AUSTRIAN MADE SMALL ARMS MUNITIONS HAD BEEN SUPPLIED NIGERIA IN THE PAST.

2. AUSTRIA LEANS HEAVILY ON SWISS EXPERIENCE IN NEUTRALITY AND HAS ADOPTED STANDARD SWISS POLICY ON ARMS SUPPLY, I. E., ABSOLUTELY NO SUPPLY OF ARMS, MUNITIONS, OR MILITARY VEHICLES TO ANY COUNTRY ENGAGED IN ARMED HOSTILITIES, INCLUDING DOMESTIC REVOLTS.

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3. THIS FLAT POLICY IS APPLIED WITH UTMOST CONSISTENCY. THUS NO AUSTRIAN SUPPLIES GOING TO NEAR EAST OR TO NIGERIA.

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1. ALL U.S. GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN IBADAN THIS AFTERNOON (22ND) RECEIVED THREATENING TELEPHONE CALLS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "I AM A NIGERIAN. WE KNOW WHAT YOU AMERICANS ARE DOING AND WE ARE GOING TO START KILLING YOUR PEOPLE AS OF TOMORROW." CALLER HUNG UP BEFORE ANY DETAILS COULD BE OBTAINED.
2. I HAVE INFORMED DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF POLICE AND TERRITORIAL CONTROLLER OF POSTS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS BUT DOUBT IF THERE IS MUCH THEY CAN DO.
3. WHILE THIS SOUNDS LIKE WORK OF CRACKPOT AND SHOULD PROBABLY NOT BE TAKEN TOO SERIOUSLY, IT MAY BE RELATED TO ANTI-AMERICAN

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TO NIGERIANS REACTING TO DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT
(RETELS) DISPLAYING DEEP SENSE OF INJURY THAT U.S. SHOULD BE
TRYING TO INTERFERE WITH THEIR EFFORTS PROVIDE FOR SELF-
DEFENSE. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, NIGERIANS TURNED TO BLOC FOR
SUPPORT ONLY AFTER EXHAUSTING EFFORTS PROCURE WEAPONS FROM
U.S. AND OTHER CUSTOMARY SUPPLIERS. SELF-RIGHTEOUS TONE OF
STATEMENT CONSEQUENTLY PARTICULARLY GALLING TO NIGERIAN FRIENDS

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WHO PREVIOUSLY ANNOYED BUT NOT EMBITTERED BY OUR ARMS POLICY.

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2° UNFORTUNATELY MANY NIGERIANS INTERPRET STATEMENT AS ATTACK NOT ONLY ON SOVIET POLICY BUT ON FMG. FMG UP TO NOW HAS CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT TO DOWN-PEDAL RELIANCE ON SOVS AND EMPHASIZE THAT PURCHASE IS COMMERCIAL DEAL WITHOUT POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS. TO US IT APPEARS DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENT WILL NOW FORCE FMG TO MAKE PUBLIC DEFENSE OF ITS ARRANGEMENTS, JUSTIFYING SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN EYES NIGERIANS AND AS RESULT GIVING BLOC UNEARNED AND AVOIDABLE PSYCHOLOGICAL VICTORY.

3° WE FEAR IN ADDITION THAT DESPITE DISCLAIMERS MANY NIGERIANS WILL INTERPRET PASSAGE RELATING TO QTE INTRODUCING ELEMENT OF GREAT POWER COMPETITION UNQTE AS IMPLIED USG THREAT TO ARM BIAFRA.

4° ALTHOUGH NIGERIANS AT HIGHEST LEVEL ARE AWARE OF USG EFFORTS TO PREVENT ILLEGAL ARMS FLOW, PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS AND WE CONSIDER REVELATION NOT RPT NOT IN OUR INTEREST.

5° DOUBTFUL WE CAN DO MUCH AT THIS JUNCTURE TO UNDO HARM ALREADY DONE TO US POSITION. TO MINIMIZE REPERCUSSIONS REQUEST PERMISSION TO:

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A° DENY THAT SPOKESMAN'S CRITICISM OF SOVIET POLICY CONSTITUTES CRITICISMS OF FMG.
B° DENY ANY CHANGE IMPLIED OR IMPENDING IN STATED USG POLICY OF NON-RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA OR ARMS SUPPLY TO EITHER SIDE NIGERIAN CONFLICT.

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In answer to press queries on Department statement re Soviet arms shipments to Nigeria, following points may be used:

1. Department statement prompted by sincere desire to avoid any element of external exploitation of internal Nigerian conflict.
2. US since beginning of dispute between FMG and former Eastern Region has urged peaceful settlement of their differences with form of Nigerian association to be determined by Nigerians. Since armed conflict began, US has consistently expressed hope for early peace. To help avoid extension of conflict, US is continuing to refuse to sell or supply arms to either side. / (Lagos 323 NOTAL) expressed appreciation that US regarded situation as strictly internal matter.
3. US has recognized FMG as Government of Nigeria with which it has full and friendly relations. US has, together with all other nations, not extended recognition to "Biafra."
4. Above considerations have formed and will continue to be basis for US actions in Nigerian situation.

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5. FYI. Re para 5 point A Lagos reftel we not in position to deny statement did
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not have/element of criticism of FMG for its association with USSR End FYI.

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HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO SEE GOWON AT 1700 LOCAL: WOULD BE
USEFUL HAVE DEPT'S COMMENTS REFTEL BEFORE THAT TIME.
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1. FOLLOWING INFORMATION PIECED TOGETHER FROM VARIETY OF SOURCES IS REPORTED TO GIVE AS COMPLETE PICTURE AS NOW AVAILABLE HERE ON MILITARY ACTION IN ORE AREA ABOUT 15 MILES INSIDE WESTERN STATE ON MAIN ROAD FROM BENIN:
2. EARLY MORNING AUGUST 21, FMG 9TH BN APPARENTLY AMBUSHED BY EASTERN FORCES IN VICINITY OF OSU EAST OF ORE. ACCORDING TO ONE SOURCE, EASTERN FORCES BROKE THROUGH ELEMENTS OF 9TH FORCING RE-MAINDER FALL BACK, AND MOVED ON ORE WHICH APPARENTLY FELL ABOUT 1300. COL. OGBANJO, 2ND AREA CDR, CONFIRMED TO BDHC AT 1600 FALL OF ORE AND SAID FMG HAD TAKEN DEFENSIVE POSITIONS FIVE MILES WEST OF ORE.

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3. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO LOCATION FMG DEFENSIVE POSITION BETWEEN ORE AND ONDO; HOWEVER, RUMOR FROM ONDO IS THAT IT IS AT IGUNSHIN (6.57N-4.51E), APPROXIMATELY 10 MILES SOUTH ONDO, THOUGH REPORT OF 0900 TODAY FROM ONDO ESTIMATES FMG DEFENSIVE LINE MAY BE SOME 20 MILES SOUTH OF ONDO. U.N. RADIO CONTACT REPORTED ALL QUIET ONDO THROUGH 1000 ON 22ND.

4. EASTERN FORCES REPORTEDLY HAVE MOVED SOUTH OF ORE TO VICINITY AGBABU (6.35N-4.50E).

5. CAPT. MAKANJUOLA, INT OFFICER 2ND AREA COMMAND, ASSURED ME ABOUT 0900 TODAY THAT FMG FORCES HOLDING WEST OF ORE AND THAT BOTH ONDO AND OKITIPUPA CALM AND "IN NO DANGER."

6. SOME CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES WESTERN MINISTRY WORKS AND TRANSPORT (INCLUDING BRITISH EXPATS) APPROACHED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON BY WESTERN MILGOV ADC TO PREPARE CERTAIN BRIDGES FOR DEMOLITION ON IJEBU-ODE-ORE ROAD AND IFE-ONDO ROAD. BRIDGE CLOSEST ORE (OVER OLUWA RIVER) SCHEDULED BE BLOWN 1900 YESTERDAY, AND BOHC INFORMED THIS MORNING THAT OLUWA BRIDGE (4.43N-6.43E) WAS IN FACT BLOWN LAST NIGHT. OTHER BRIDGES WERE MINED AND WILL BE BLOWN IF AND WHEN MILITARY SITUATION SO REQUIRES.

7. ADC INDICATED THAT WESTERN GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED IBADAN PRINCIPAL

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OBJECTIVE EASTERN BREAKTHROUGH AND NOT RPT NOT LAGOS. RATIONALE SUPPOSEDLY COMBINES POLITICAL/PSYCHOLOGICAL VALUE OF "LIBERATING" POLITICAL CAPITAL OF WEST AND STRATEGIC VALUE OF GAINING CONTROL MAJOR SUPPLY ROUTE, INCLUDING RAILROAD BETWEEN LAGOS AND NORTH.

8. THERE ARE SIGNS OF INCREASED NERVOUSNESS IN WEST. ILGOV ADEBAYO HAS ORDERED BLACKOUT THROUGHOUT WESTERN STATE AND SAID THAT IN EVENT REBELS INFILTRATE WEST, "ENTIRE POPULATION IN COOPERATION WITH ARMY AND POLICE SHOULD RISE UP AS ONE MAN TO DEAL ADEQUATELY WITH THEM... THIS IS TIME FOR EVERYBODY TO FIGHT FOR HIS

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OR HER LIBERTY AND I TRUST PEOPLE OF WESTERN STATE WOULD BE 'UP TO SAFEGUARDING INTEGRITY THEIR FATHERLAND.'" SECY TO MILGOVT ODUMOSU CONFIRMS NERVOUSNESS IN STATE HOUSE. WAS ALSO CRITICAL OF STATEMENT BY DEPT. SPOKESMAN ON SOVIET MILITARY AID.

9. NO REPORTS FROM IFON-SORE SECTOR.

10. AS PURELY PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE IN CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, WESTERN PEACE CORPS DIRECTOR AND ASST USAID DIRECTOR, I HAVE INSTRUCTED TWO PCV'S FROM OKITIPUPA, NINE PCV'S FROM ONDO, EIGHT PCVS FROM IJEBU-ODE AND ONE LADY USAID EMPLOYEE FROM AKURE TO TEMPORARILY COME TO IBADAN UNTIL SITUATION IS

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CLARIFIED. THESE MOVES TO TAKE PLACE TODAY. IN ADDITION, MISSIONARIES AND TEACHERS IN IJEBU-ODE AND SHAGAMU AREA HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED OF OUR ACTION AND ADVISED TO DO LIKEWISE. THIS SHOULD REMOVE MOST AMCITS FROM DIRECT LINES POSSIBLE EASTERN ADVANCE AND PREVENT THEIR BEING CAUGHT BEHIND EASTERN LINES.

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1. ACTING NIGERIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER CALLED ON ME THIS MORNING "AS A FRIEND" AND ASKED FOR EXPLANATION OF STATE DEPT STATEMENT REGRETTING SOVIET ARMS SHIPMENTS TO NIGERIA. I EXPLAINED THAT ENTRANCE OF SOVS INTO ANY AFRICAN QUARREL ALWAYS GIVES US HEARTBURN AS SOVS HAVE PROPENSITY TO EXPAND THEIR OPERATIONS RAPIDLY INTO POLITICAL SPHERE AND TO CAUSE MORE TROUBLE THAN THEY HAD ARRIVED TO CURE. HIGH COMMISSIONER TACITLY ADMITTED SOV PLANES, ARMS AND PERSONNEL NOW IN NIGERIA AND SAID HIS GOVT WOULD RATHER HAVE PROCURED MATERIAL FROM U.S. HE ASKED WHY WE HAD REFUSED TO SELL ARMS TO THEM MAKING IT NECESSARY FOR THEM TO TURN TO SOVS. I EXPLAINED OUR OPPOSITION

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TO ARMS RACES IN AFRICA BUT I AM AFRAID EXPLANATION FELL ON DEAF EARS.

2. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO HIGH COMMISSIONER WAS POSSIBILITY THAT U.S. WOULD NOW BACK BIAFRA IN ORDER TO COUNTERBALANCE

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1. FMG

SPOKESMAN AYIDA TODAY SAID HEAVY FIGHTING STILL UNDERWAY IN AREA AROUND ORE, APPROX 135 MILES EAST-NORTHEAST LAGOS. SAID THAT ALTHOUGH SITUATION "SERIOUS" FMG FORCES "HAVE DEFINITELY CONTAINED" REBELS. THERE "AIR ACTION" (UNSPECIFIED) IN AREA. SPOKESMAN SAID EASTERN TROOPS NOT AN OCCUPATION ARMY, AS THERE INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF THEM. REBEL ATTACK CHARACTERIZED AS LAST DESPERATE SUICIDAL EFFORT. SPOKESMAN SAID NEXT 24 HOURS WILL BE "CRUCIAL".

2. SPOKESMAN SAID CAMPAIGN IS LIKE "HIDE AND SEEK" ON NORTHERN SECTOR OF MID-WEST AROUND AUCHI, BUT FIGHTING FAIRLY HEAVY EAST OF NSUKK2 WHERE FEDERAL FORCES HAD CAPTURED IMPORTANT RAIL TOWN OF EHA AMURU (DESCRIBED AS LAST STOP ON RAILWAY BEFORE ENUGU) AND THAT FMG READY TO LAUNCH "ALL-OUT ATTACK" ON ENUGU.

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3. NO NEWS ON IKOM OR ABAKALIKI. NO FIGHTING IN BONNY. FIRE IN OIL STORAGE TANK EXTINGUISHED. FMG CLAIMED "BIAFRAN" HELICOPTER SHOT DOWN WITH TWO PILOTS KILLED. ONE WAS A "NON-BIAFRAN".

4. US STATEMENT ON ARMS FOR NIGERIA AND BIG POWER INVOLVEMENT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION CONCERNING US STATEMENT BY DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN AUG 21, SPOKESMAN SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO OFFICIAL COMMENT SINCE THERE HAS BEEN NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION BETWEEN USG AND FMG ON THIS SUBJECT. RESPONDING TO QUERY ABOUT US REFUSAL SELL ARMS TO FMG IN CONTRAST SUPPLY OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY SOVIETS, SPOKESMAN SAID US WAS "VERY GOOD FRIEND TO WHOM WE HAVE RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL". HE IMPLIED US REFUSAL WAS IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC FMG REQUEST FOR HEAVY EQUIPMENT AND WAS NOT BLANKET NEGATIVE. REJECTED IDEA FMG RECEIVING SOVIET MILITARY "AID". POINTING OUT RUSSIANS NOT GIVING "AID" BUT MAKING STRAIGHT COMMERCIAL DEALS. EMPHA-

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SIZED FMG WOULD BUY ARMS FROM ANYONE AS PART NIGERIAN
NON-ALIGNMENT POLICY. WHEN ASKED WHO WOULD PILOT SOVIET

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PLANES HE REFERRED TO EARLIER MILITARY BRIEFING IN WHICH
IT SAID NIGERIA HAS JET PILOTS TRAINED IN GERMANY,
ETHIOPIA, ETC.

5. WHEN ASKED ABOUT ALLEGED DEAL BETWEEN REBEL
OJUKWU AND ROTHSCHILD, SPOKESMAN CONFIRMED REPRESENTA-
TIONS HAD BEEN MADE TO THE FRENCH EMBASSY WHICH ELICITED
"USUAL FRIENDLY RESPONSES". VOA CORRESPONDENT AT
BRIEFING NOTED SPOKESMAN HESITATED OVER, AND FINALLY
WITHDREW USE OF PHRASE "FRENCH ASSURANCES".

6. ON PEACE TALKS, FMG POSITION WAS REITERATED,
I.E., FMG READY TALK ANY TIME PROVIDING NIGERIA KEPT

ONE. NO RPT NO CONTACT WITH OJUKWU AND NO RPT NO INTER-
MEDIARY BEING USED.

7. HOWEVER, IN RESPONSE SERIES PROBING QUESTIONS
DESIGNED FIND OUT WHAT THERE IS TO NEGOTIATE ABOUT,
FMG SPOKESMAN WAS QUITE FORTHRIGHT. HE SAID NEGOTIA-
TIONS COULD DEAL WITH SUCH SUBJECTS AS BOUNDARIES AND

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NUMBER OF STATES, WHO MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN FEDERAL AND
STATE GOVERNMENTS, FUNCTIONS AND DEGREE OF AUTONOMY OF
STATE GOVTS, RELATION OF CENTER TO STATES, AND COMPO-
SITION OF A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. ALSO EMPHASIZED NO
ONE GROUP SHOULD BE IN POSITION DICTATE COMPOSITION
FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. AS EXAMPLE, NEW BOUNDARIES FOR STATES.
SAID EVEN POSSIBLE ASABA MIGHT BE INCLUDED IN EAST CENTRAL
STATE.

8. SECOND REGISTRATION OF IBOS NECESSARY BECAUSE FIRST

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DID NOT PROVIDE IDENTITY CARD OR ANYTHING PROVING WHO
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1. IN INFORMAL PART OF CONVERSATION THIS MORNING WITH FONMIN

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BINDZI, HE EXPRESSED DEEP CONCERN ABOUT REPORTED SOVIET MILITARY SUPPORT. SAID I HAVE ONLY WASHINGTON'S 24224 EXPRESSING OUR CRITICISM OF THIS SOVIET ACTION, BUT EXPRESSED OPINION THAT ACTION WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY RESULT IN INCREASE IN LOSS OF LIFE FOR NIGERIANS, AND THAT AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE SHOULD STRONGLY CRITICIZE SOVIET INTERFERENCE. SAID CAMEROON'S POSITION HAS BEEN IDENTICAL TO US POSITION SINCE BEGINNING OF CRISIS, NAMELY TO TREAT CRISIS SET INTERNAL NIGERIAN PROBLEM. BINDZI SAID THAT A SMALL AND WEAK COUNTRY LIKE CAMEROON MUST BE GRAVELY CONCERNED DEVELOPMENT OF POSSIBLE SOVIET-US CONFRONTATION IN WEST AFRICA. I POINTED OUT THAT SOVIETS WERE PLAYING SAME GAME IN MIDDLE EAST, CITING ARAB-ISRAELI CRISIS AS MEANS OF ATTACKING US INTERESTS, REARMING ARABS TO KEEP SITUATION BOILING. BINDZI ASKED ME TO

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REPORT TO HIM ANY WORD I RECEIVED AMPLIFYING REUTERS AND VOA
REPORTS OF SOVIET MILITARY AID.

2. BELIEVE SUGGESTION TO GFRC THAT AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE PROTEST SOVIET ACTION, PERHAPS THROUGH UN, WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION. PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MINISTER EACH REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN DISAPPOINTED WITH SOVIET ATTITUDES DURING RECENT AHIDJO VISIT TO MOSCOW, AND BINDZI OBVIOUSLY FEARFUL NOW OF SOVIET POWER PLAY AGAINST WHICH CAMEROON HAS LITTLE TO OFFER. OCAM MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE MEDIUM OF AFRICAN PROTEST.
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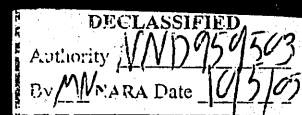
1. SAW CHIEFSEC N.O. AKPAN MONDAY EVENING AUG 21. HE HAS
NEVER BEEN IN BETTER SPIRITS SINCE BEFORE LAST YEAR'S JULY
MUTINY. HE SAID FOLLOWING:

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2. MILITARY SITUATION: WEST OF NIGER BIAFRAN FORCES IN
CONTROL OF ORE ROAD JUNCTION; BIAFRANS HAVE TAKEN OKENE AND
ARE MOVING TOWARDS KABBA WHICH HAS SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE AS

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ABDUL ATTA'S HOME TOWN. ON NSUKKA SECTOR MAIN FEDERAL EFFORT SOUTHWARD THROUGH EHA AMUFU TOWARD NKALAGUI (20 MILES EAST OF ENUGU) WHERE OBJECTIVE BELIEVED BE CAPTURE OR POSSIBLE DESTRUCTION OF CEMENT PLANT. (COMMENT: THIS TERRAIN POORLY DRAINED AND COVERED WITH THICK BUSH, OFFERING FAR MORE DIFFICULT ROUTE TO ENUGU THAN ALONG CREST OF ESCARPMENT STRAIGHT SOUTH FROM NSUKKA.) BIAFRANS PUTTING HEAVY PRESSURE ON BONNY ISLAND AND EXPECT RETAKE IT SHORTLY; OIL STORAGE TANK FIRED BY BIAFRAN MADE ROCKET WHEN SHOOTING AT FEDERAL TROOPS AROUND TANK FARM. OGOJA SECTOR QUIET.

3. AKPAN SAID THREE SHIPS ARRIVED CALABAR IN PAST FEW DAYS BRINGING SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITIES ARMS WHICH LONG EXPECTED. ONE SHIP HAS DEPARTED CALABAR WITH CARGO PALMPRODUCE. (COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN 10 TRACKED ARMORED PERSONNEL CARRIERS, POSSIBLY WESELS, IN ENUGU TODAY, APPARENTLY JUST ARRIVED FROM CALABAR. ALTHOUGH WE UNABLE EXAMINE VEHICLES CLOSELY THEY

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APPEARED BE IN GOOD CONDITION.

4. AKPAN SAID IT MAY BE POSSIBLE, AS RESULT BATTLE FIELD SUCCESSES AND LATEST ARMS DELIVERIES, TO DEFEAT FEDERAL ARMY IN TWO OR THREE WEEKS. WHEN ASKED WHERE DO YORUBAS STAND HE SAID IT VERY SIGNIFICANT THAT RECENT MEETING IN IBADAN BETWEEN AWOLowo, ADEBEYO, OBAS AND CHIEFS DID NOT RPT NOT PRODUCE A RESOLUTION FROM OBAS AND CHIEFS, BUT ONLY STATEMENTS FROM AWOLowo AND ADEBEYO IN SUPPORT OF FMG. SAID ENUGU BELIEVES ABSENCE OF A RESOLUTION, WHICH A SACRED RITUAL, INDICATES SHARP DIVISIONS AMONG YORUBAS AND THAT YORUBAS NOT RPT NOT EXPECTED OPPOSE BIAFRAN TROOPS.

5. AKPAN STRONGLY IMPLIED THAT IBADAN IS NEXT OBJECTIVE FOR BIAFRAN ARMY WEST OF NIGER. THERE APPARENTLY NO INTENTION AT PRESENT MOVE TOWARD IJEBU-ODE AND LAGOS FROM RE UNLESS FEDERAL RESISTANCE COLLAPSES. CONTROL OF IBADAN WILL CUT OFF LAGOS.

6. OTHER MAIN OBJECTIVE IS MAKURDI AND AREA SOUTH OF BENUE.

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AKPAN SAID BIAFRAN MILITIA BEING READIED FOR OCCUPATION DUTIES AFTER AREA CLEARED OF FEDERAL TROOPS. I PROTESTED STRONGLY THAT OCCUPATION BY UNDISCIPLINED MILITIA WOULD INEVITABLE LEAD TO WORST KIND OF KILLING AND LOOTING OF LOCAL INHABITANTS IN BENUE PROVINCE, CREATING NEW PROBLEMS THAT WOULD TAKE YEARS TO GET OVER. I ARGUED THAT IF OCCUPATION NECESSARY IT SHOULD BE DONE ONLY BY DISCIPLINED TROOPS AND QUALIFIED CIVILIANS. AKPAN AGREED BUT SAID MOOD FOR REVENGE ON BENUE TRIBES VERY STRONG AFTER WHAT HAPPENED IN BLOODY AMBUSHES OF IBO REFUGEES PASSING THROUGH BENUE FROM NORTH LAST OCTOBER. SAID I SHOULD PRESENT MY ARGUMENTS TO C.C. MOJEKWU WHO ONE OF STRONGEST ADVOCATES OF OCCUPATION OF BENUE PROVINCE (MOJEKWU LOST MANY RELATIVES IN BENUE AND IS VERY BITTER ABOUT BENUE TRIBES).

7. AKPAN SAID BIAFRAN ARMY NOT RPT NOT WORRIED ABOUT SOVIET MILAID TO FMG WHICH ARRIVED TOO LATE TO BE USEFUL. SAME APPLIES TO BRITISH ARMS SHIPMENTS. BRITISH SIN WAS TO TAKE SIDES. BRITISH SHOULD EITHER HAVE TRIED HARDER TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR AND OBTAINED PEACEFUL SOLUTION -SINCE BRITAIN MUST

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BEAR SOME RESPONSIBILITY FOR FACTORS WHICH LED TO CRISIS. OR FAILING TO PREVENT CIVIL WAR BRITISH SHOULD HAVE FOLLOWED AMERICAN EXAMPLE OF REFUSING ARMS TO BOTH SIDES. SAID ONLY WAY FOR BRITISH TO SAVE POSITION IN BIAFRA IS MAKE OIL PAYMENTS AS SOON AS BONNY CLEARED AND OIL FLOWS AGAIN. (COMMENT: THIS MILDST BLAST AGAINST BRITISH HEARD FROM BIAFRAN LEADERSHIP IN RECENT WEEKS, SUGGESTING THAT UNLESS BRITAIN MAKES ALL OUT COMMITMENT TO FMG, BIAFRANS STILL WILLING BE FRIENDS, ALTHOUGH PERHAPS NOT QUITE SO CLOSE AS BEFORE.)

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1. Communication from GON is in form of request for loan of Santa Fe's vessels. Believe it best if question is treated as long as possible merely as request.
2. Concur your suggestion para 3 reftel that best response would be company approved letter making points as indicated with collateral approaches by SHELL/BP and Phillips if they willing make them.
3. Since FMG has thus far simply made request, may be best if Embassy does not intercede before FMG reacts to Santa Fe's response. If negative response accepted by FMG, USG approach obviously unnecessary. If FMG rejects negative response and attempts take over vessels, Embassy approach would be appropriate. Specific content of approach cannot be formulated until FMG reacts to Santa Fe's refusal

of request.

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Meanwhile legal implications of question being studied.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1699

1. LAGOS SUNDAY TIMES REPORTED AUG 20 ONE SHELL-BP (SBO) CRUDE OIL STORAGE TANK AT BONNY ISLAND HIT BY EXPLOSIVES DROPPED BY REBEL AIRCRAFT ON AUG 18, SETTING OFF WHAT THOUGHT TO BE SERIOUS BLAZE. NO REPORT OF CASUALTIES. NEWSPAPER QUOTED A FEDERAL SPOKESMAN AS SAYING THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ATTEMPTS BY THE REBELS TO HIT THE TANKS, AND THAT THEY APPEAR

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TO HAVE NOW SUCCEEDED.

2. COMMENT- NO SBP EMPLOYEES REMAIN AT BONNY ISLAND TO VERIFY REPORT FIRSTHAND. HOWEVER, HIGHLY

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RELIABLE NIGERIAN NAVY SOURCE CONFIRMED TO SBP
OFFICIALS IN LAGOS THAT TANK NO.8 HIT AND IGNITED
BY BOMB THROUGH FLOATING ROOF. FIRE BROUGHT UNDER
CONTROL BY EVENING AUG 20 WITH NO REPORTED
DAMAGE
REMAINING TANKS.

3. BONNY TERMINAL HAS SIXTEEN STORAGE TANKS WITH
TOTAL CAPACITY 3.9 MILLION BARRELS CRUDE. TANKS

BELIEVED TO BE AT FULL CAPACITY. NO.8 DRAINED
IN EFFORT CONTROL FIRE.
MATHEWS.

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 1136

REF: LAGOS 883

SUBJ: RED CROSS ACTIVITIES IN NIGERIA

1. KALLENIOUS TOLD EMBOFF SURVEYS NORTH AND EAST DISCUSSED
REFTEL NOW COMPLETE, DECISION MADE THAT PRESENT ALLOCATION
ONE MEDICAL TEAM EACH SIDE SUFFICIENT FOR NEEDS TROOPS AND

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POWS. MEDTEAM FOR FMG AT MAKURDI COMPLETED WITH ADDITION
TWO MALE NURSES AND NIGERIAN DOCTOR APPOINTED BY ICRC.
KALLENIOUS ADDED, IN CONFIDENCE, HE THINKS FMG WILL NOT GIVE
OFFICIAL APPROVAL OR POSITIVE ASSISTANCE, BUT PROBABLY WILLING
LOOK OTHER WAY WHILE TEAM TAKEN INTO EAST.

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2. KALLENIOUS SAID DECISION MADE HERE THAT NIGERIAN RC WILL CONCENTRATE ON RELIEF CIVILIAN SUFFERING IN COMBAT AREAS. HE FORESEES THREE PHASES NIGERIAN RC ACTIVITIES. FIRST, CONTACT PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES TO MAKE OPERATIVE RELIEF UNITS ASSOCIATED WITH SUPPLY CENTERS ALREADY ESTABLISHED IN LAGOS, KADUNA, IBADAN, ENUGU, BENIN, PORT HARCOURT, OTHER CITIES. SECOND, ORGANIZE EFFECTIVE RELIEF PROGRAM IN MID-WEST STATE TO CAR FOR REFUGEES WHICH MAY SPILL OVER FROM EAST. THIRD, PLAN WHAT TO DO IF EAST DEFEATED.

3. THIRD PHASE LOADED WITH PROBLEMS. KALLENIOUS THINKS FIGHTING LIKELY DEGENERATE INTO TRIBAL BUTCHERY WITH MASSIVE CIVILIAN CASUALTIES. FACED WITH GUERILLA ACTION BY EASTERN CIVILIANS, FMG FORCES MAY DISREGARD ARTICLES IN CODE OF

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CONDUCT ISSUED BY GOWON WHICH COMMAND HUMANE TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS. OJUKWU'S CALL ON RADIO BIAFRA FOR EACH BAIFRAN TO BRING BACK TEN OR TWENTY HAUSA HEADS LEKELY INFLAME NORTHERN EMOTIONS. DR. ALLTWEGER URGED OJUKWU RECENTLY TO ISSUE SOME FORM CODE OF CONDUCT TO HIS TROOPS. KALLENIOUS SAYS ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT IF EASTERN CIVILIANS NOT UNIFORMED OR OTHERWISE IDENTIFIABLE, AND DO NOT CARRY WEAPONS OPENLY, THEY CANNOT BE PROTECTED BY GENEVA CONVENTION. THIS WOULD UNDERCUT LEGAL BASIS FOR ICRC OR LEAGUE TO AID THEM. KALLENIOUS HAS URGED DR. ONYEMELUKWE, CHAIRMAN EASTERN NIGERIA RC TO BRING THIS POINT HOME TO OJUKWU.

4. ALTHOUGH GENERAL APPEAL TO RC SOCIETIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES NOT CONTEMPLATED NOW, KALLENIOUS SAID HE SURE IF EAST COLLAPSES SUCH APPEAL WOULD BE NECESSARY. HE WORRIED ABOUT COMPETING DEMANDS FOR AID PLACED ON RC SOCIETIES IN ALL COUNTRIES BY TURKEY AND MIDDLE EAST. EXPRESSED HOPE THAT RC SOCIETIES LIKE AMCROSS COULD HELP EVEN IF SHORT OF FUNDS BECAUSE THEIR GOVERNMENTS MIGHT BE WILLING CHANNEL FUNDS THROUGH THEM.

5. KALLENIOUS SAID FMG INVASION BONNY AND POSSIBLE OPENING

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OTHER FRONT ALONG COAST MIGHT NECESSITATE OTHER MEDTEAMS.
SAID HE HAD ALREADY REQUESTED TWO TEAMS FROM LEAGUE FOR THIS
EVENTUALITY.
GP-3. MATHEWS

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JOINT EMBASSY - USIS MESSAGE.

1. IN COMING WEEKS EXPECT CONSIDERABLE NIGERIAN COMMENT
WILL MAKE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS BETWEEN USG REFUSAL TO
SUPPLY ARMS TO FMG AND BLOC'S WILLINGNESS PROVIDE AIRCRAFT
AND PERSONNEL. CONVERSELY, EXPECT BIAFRAN PROPAGANDA AND
PROBABLY SOME U.S. COMMENT TO PLAY UP SOVIET INVOLVEMENT
WITH FMG WAR EFFORT AND CALL FOR USG TO COUNTER BY AID TO
"BIAFRA".

2. WE KNOW MANY NIGERIANS WERE RELUCTANT ENTER ARMS DEALS
WITH BLOC AND FEAR POLITICAL ENTANGLEMENT WILL RESULT.

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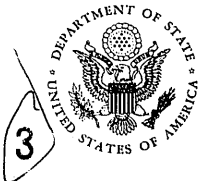
WE EXPECT CURRENT MOVE TOWARD CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH SOVIET
BLOC WILL BE SELF-CORRECTING UNLESS WE OVER-REACT.

3. WE THEREFORE INTEND AVOID ANY EXPRESSION OF ALARM OR
CONCERN AND HOPE DEPARTMENT AND AGENCY WILL DO LIKEWISE.
IN RESPONSE PRESS QUERIES WE HAVE SAID WE UNDERSTAND BLOC
ARMS DEAL WAS UNDERTAKEN AFTER UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BUY
FROM US AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES AND THAT WE FORESEE
NO RPT NO CHANGE USG POLICY THIS MATTER.
MATHEWS.

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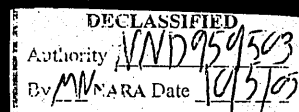
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MILITARY. THERE ARE REPORTS THAT HEAVY FIGHTING TOOK PLACE
ESTERDAY ON BORDER NORTH OF NKALAGU (6.28N - 7.47E). FMG

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ATTEMPTS TO PENETRATE WERE APPARENTLY REPULSED SINCE TRAFFIC STILL MOVING ON ENUGU-ABAKALIKI ROAD. CHIEF SEC N-U. AKPAN TOLD UKDHC PARKER THIS MORNING THAT OIL TANK AT BONNY WAS STRUCK BY ROCKET LAUNCHED BY "BIAFRAN" AIR FORCE PLANE.

2. AVIATION. CONSULATE OFFICER OBSERVED FOLLOWING AIRCRAFT AT ENUGU AIRPORT 1310Z TODAY: ONE B-26, ONE CONSTELLATION MARKED "F-BGNE," ONE TWIN-ENGINE EXECUTIVE AIRCRAFT (PROPELLOR DRIVEN, PAINTED BLUE AND WHITE), ONE DC-3, TWO ALLOUETTE-II HELICOPTERS. SINCE AIRCRAFT WIDELY DISPERSED ON FIELD IT POSSIBLE OTHER PLANES PRESENT BUT NOT OBSERVED. AT 1330Z CONSTELLATION WAS NOT RPT NOT PRESENT.

3. GENERAL. ENUGU CALM. ALL NORMAL ACTIVITIES CONTINUING. ALTHOUGH "SOVIET INTERVENTION" MAIN TOPIC CONVERSATION, AIR OF CONFIDENCE AND RESOLUTION PREVAILS.
GP-3 BARNARD

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1. GENERAL ANKRAH TOLD ME TODAY HE IN ALMOST DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH BOTH GOWON AND OJUKWU BY PHONE OR LETTER AND HE PERFECTLY WILLING LEND HIMSELF TO CONTINUING EFFORT ACHIEVE SETTLEMENT, INCLUDING PERSONAL TRIP TO NIGERIA IF HELPFUL. ANKRAH THINKS MAIN STUBLING BLOCK TO SETTLEMENT IS THAT BOTH SIDES CONVINCED

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THEY ARE WINNING. OJUKWU TOLD ANKRAH RECENTLY THAT FEDERAL FORCES WOULD BE DEFEATED SOON.

2. ANKRAH VERY UPSET OVER SOVIET ARMS DELIVERIES AND HAS WRITTEN GOWON STRONGLY WARNING HIM THAT SUCH ASSISTANCE IS NOT

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GIVEN WITHOUT ULTERIOR MOTIVE. ANKRAH LETTER CITES GHANA'S EXPERIENCE WITH SOVIET TECHNICIANS WHO TURNED OUT TO BE SUBVERSIONISTS AND INTELLIGENCE AGENTS INTENT ON USING COUNTRY FOR OWN PURPOSES.

3. THE MOST PRO-BIAFRAN PRESS COMMENT HERE APPEARED IN INDEPENDENT MAVERICK PIONEER, WHICH CAN NEVER BE SAID TO REPRESENT OFFICIAL VIEWS. PIONEER SUGGESTED SOLUTION LAY IN ALLOWING BIAFRA EXIST AS INDEPENDENT STATE. OTHER PAPERS HAVE STATED THAT TIME HAS ARRIVED FOR OUTSIDE INTERVENTION, A VIEW WHICH FMG PROBABLY INTERPRETS AS PRO-BIAFRAN. ON OTHER HAND, GOG HAS BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID ACTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN AS RECOGNITION OF BIAFRA. ANKRAH RESTATED THIS POSITION TO UK HIGH COMMISSIONER JUST THREE DAYS AGO. GP-3. WILLIAMS

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1. KADUNA RADIO ANNOUNCED 19 AUGUST IFBIS REPORT
N201220) THAT "REBEL OJUKWU PLANE" HAD CARRIED OUT

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"ANOTHER OF ITS INEFFECTIVE AIR RAIDS" ON OLD KANO
AIRPORT CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE TO WING OF ONE PLANE AND
SETTING NEARBY BUILDING ABLAZE. NO LIVES WRE LOST.
RADIO ADDED THAT OFFICIAL STATEMENT IN KADUNA 19 AUGUST

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SAID RAID WAS "VERY MINOR" AND FIRE PUT OUT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY.

2. IBADAN TRIBUNE REPORTED 21 AUGUST THAT REBEL PLANE WAS SEEN FLYING AROUND KANO 19 AUGUST ABOUT 1500 LOCAL TIME AT HIGH ALTITUDE. NEWSPAPER STATED PLANE - "PRESUMABLY NOTORIOUS B-26 FLOWN BY WHITE MERCENARY - EMITTED ABOUT FOUR HOME-MADE BOMBS ON KANO AIRPORT". TWO PERSONS WERE REPORTED KILLED AND MINOR DAMAGE DONE TO AIRPORT BUILDING AND "STRICT SECURITY" HAS BEEN "CLAMPED DOWN IN RADIUS OF SEVERAL MILES FROM AIRPORT".

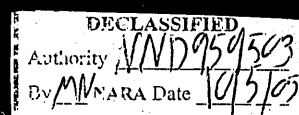
3. LAGOS DIALY TIMES CLAIMES 21 AUGUST THAT REBEL AIRCRAFT DROPPED FOUR HOME-MADE BOMBS ON KANO, ACCORDING KADUNA MINISTRY INFORMATION. THREE BOMBS FELL ON WAY TO AIRPORT AND FOURTH AT AIRPORT, ALL WITHOUT CAUSING DAMAGE OR CASUALTIES. NEWSPAPER SAID MILITARY GOVERNOR OF KANO STATE ANNOUNCED THAT FEDERAL TROOPS AT AIRPORT

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DROVE PLANE AWAY.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: PRESUMABLY FIRST REPORT BY KADUNA RADIO WAS MOST ACCURATE.
MATHEWS.

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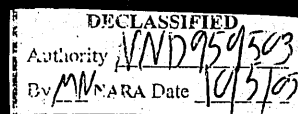
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1. OVER WEEKEND LAGOS " DAILY TIMES" CARRIED STORY TH T
UNSYG THANT REJECTED REQUEST " FROM REGIME OF OJUKWU
THAT HE SHOULD INTERVENE TO STOP BRITAIN'S SENDING
MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO FMG." UN SPOKESMAN QUOTED AS
SAYING U-THANT HAD DECIDED " NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN"
ON OJUKWU'S APPEAL WHICH RECEIVED AUGUST 17.

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1. MIDWEST MILITARY ADMINISTRATOR OKONKWO CONCLUDED
SPEECH DECLARING INDEPENDENCE OF MIDWEST FROM NIGERIA
AND BIAFRA (RETEL) WITH PLEA FOR UNITY IN MIDWEST. HE
WARNED PEOPLE AGAINST TRIBALISM WHICH HE SAID WAS BEING
ENCOURAGED BY ENEMIES OUTSIDE REGION.

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2. BENIN RADIO ANNOUNCED AT 1600 LOCAL TIME AUGUST 20 (FBIS REPORT N201840) MEMBERS OF ADVISORY COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OF INTERIM MIDWEST GOVERNMENT. ADVISORY COUNCIL CHAIRED BY OBA OF BENIN AND INCLUDING

SIX OTHER NATIVE RULERS IS SAME AS APPOINTED BY BRIGADIER EJOOR FOR FORMER MIDWEST MILITARY GOVERNMENT.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL IS COMPOSED OF SEVENTEEN MEMBERS: ONE EACH FROM FOURTEEN DIVISIONS OF MIDWEST STATE AND THREE ARMY OFFICERS. AMONG FOURTEEN ARE FORMER MIDWEST MINISTER ESTABLISHMENTS J.O. UMOLO AND FORMER MIDWEST PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO MINISTER LANDS AND

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HOUSING J. ALABI, ALSO MEMBER IS FORMER FEDERAL SENATOR DEMUNG BOYO. THREE ARMY OFFICERS MEMBERS ARE REPORTED AS MAJOR E.O. OLIHO OR POSSIBLY ALALE (HEARD INDISTINCTLY BY FBIS), CAPTAIN J. FEYI, AND "COMMANDER MIDWEST ARMY."

4. COMMENT: COMPOSITION OF TWO COUNCILS APPEARS CONSERVATIVE AND REFLECTS TRIBAL VARIETY IN MIDWEST.
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UN STATEMENT ON NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 1690 *mc*

SYG HAS ISSUED NO STATEMENT ON NIGERIA. AT AUGUST 18 PRESS BRIEFING UN SPOKESMAN, IN REPLY TO JOURNALIST'S QUESTION, STATED THAT GIVEN HIS LACK AUTHORITY IN ABSENCE SC INSTRUCTIONS, SYG HAD DECIDED TAKE NO ACTION ON CABLE RECEIVED AUGUST 17 FROM BIAFRA.

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1. Department shares President Kaunda's concern at introduction bloc military aid into Nigeria (ref Deptel). Our general assessment of Nigerian situation closely parallels that of Kaunda. Current escalation of Nigerian conflict may do incalculable damage to Africa as well. Unfortunately, we also believe Kaunda correct in stating that prospects for reopening constructive negotiations between opposing sides may be diminishing. This particularly true since each side apparently convinced it winning.

2. USG nevertheless believes that all friends of Nigeria must continue search for formula which might offer some hope of ending conflict. ~~However~~, We ~~we~~ have impression many African leaders hold exaggerated view of extent of present US and UK influence and ability shape course of events in Nigeria. Some may therefore be waiting for us or British to take lead in any peace initiative. However, in light allegations that both US and UK are in favor of one side or another in Nigeria, such initiatives on our part might have less chance of success than purely African ones.

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3. We have also been favorably impressed with Ankrah's past efforts and have asked our Ambassador in Accra to explore matter with him further.
4. We continue to regard Nigerian problem as African one to be solved by Africans. We therefore hope that African leaders who share our concern will seize every opportunity to exercise their influence toward goal of halting further bloodshed. USG would of course lend quiet support to such African efforts in every appropriate way.

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1. ENUGU BROADCAST AUGUST 20 (FBIS/N9202620) THAT
FIFTEEN SOVIET CARGO PLANES DEPARTED KANO AUGUST
20 FOR LAGOS CARRYING FIFTEEN SOVIET JET FIGHTERS AND
TWENTY-NINE CZECH FIGHTER-BOMBERS AND LARGE SOVIET
MAINTENANCE STAFF. CONSULATE HAS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO

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SUPPORT OR REFUTE BROADCAST AS EARLY REPORTS ON NUMBER
OF SOVIET JETS ARRIVED OR ARRIVING VARY FROM FOUR TO
SEVENTEEN.

2. NEW NIGERIAN OF AUGUST 21 CARRIES REPORT ON B-26
BOMBING ATTACK ON KANO ALONG LINES ALREADY REPORTED

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C O N F I D E N T I A L LUSAKA 226

SUBJECT: KAUNDA'S REQUEST FOR BRIEFING ON US POLICY ON NIGERIA

1. PRESIDENT KAUNDA, THROUGH PERMSEC CHONA OF MFA, EXPRESSED TO ME THIS MORNING GRAVE CONCERN REPORTS REACHING HERE OF SOVIET AND CZECH MILITARY AID TO FEDERAL FORCES IN NIGERIA, FEARING:

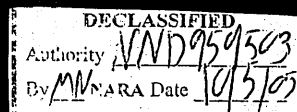
PAGE 2 RUQSOH 226K C O N F I D E N T I A L
A. IMMINENT COLD WAR CONFRONTATION IN NIGERIA, WITH POSSIBILITY THAT SOVIETS ARE PLAYING ON MOSLEM CONVICTIONS OF MANY IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

B. ESCALATION OF FIGHTING WITH FORMIDABLE CASUALTIES.
C. DIMINISHING PROSPECT FOR REOPENING CONSTRUCTIVE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN OPPOSING SIDES.

2. GRZ POSITION IS THAT BEST OUTCOME POSSIBLE UNDER PRESENT

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CONDITIONS WOULD BE MILITARY STALEMATE FORCING BOTH SIDES TO CONFERENCE TABLE TO SEEK DECENTRALIZED FORMULA FOR UNITY, PRESERVING AS MUCH COOPERATION AS SITUATION WILL PERMIT.

3. ACCORDINGLY GRZ IS NOW URGING ALL EXTERNAL PARTIES TO REFRAIN FROM GIVING ANY MILITARY HELP TO EITHER SIDE. CHONA WILL SEE UK ACTING HICOM AND I PRESUME SOVS AND CZECHS.

4. ZAMBIA WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED WITH GENERAL ANKRAH'S

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EARLIER INITIATIVES AND WONDERS WHAT GHANA'S POSITION IS NOW. (EXERCISING GREAT RESTRAINT I REFRAINED FROM SUGGESTING THEY MIGHT BE BETTER INFORMED IF THEY REOPENED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ACCRA.)

5. RECOGNIZING US HAS IN PAST DONE SO MUCH FOR NIGERIA, KAUNDA WOULD APPRECIATE EARLIEST US ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION AND BRIEFING AS TO WHAT US IS DOING NOW. IF POSSIBLE KAUNDA WOULD LIKE RESPONSE TODAY WHICH I INDICATED WAS ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE. NONETHELESS WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY ASAP.
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S E C R E T 0350 AUG 67. SGD HALLIGAN. COUNTRY: NIGERIA. SUBJECT:
UPDATE CURRENT FMG/EASTERN MIL SITUATION. DIA FOR DIACO.
CINCSTRIKE FOR STRJ2-C. DA FOR ACSI.
AT APPROX 211700 AUG LOCAL AMCONSUL IBADAN REPORTED THAT
SOURCE REPORTED TO BE SECOND AREA COMMANDER (LTC OBASANJO)
HAD INDICATED THAT FMG FORCES HAD PULLED BACK FROM ORE AND
HAD ESTABLISHED DEFENSIVE LINE RUNNING "APPROX FIVE MILES
WEST OF ORE AND TEN MILES SOUTH OF ONDO". NO FURTHER DETAILS
AVAILABLE THIS TIME. GP-3.

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Embassies inform Consulates as appropriate.

1. Dept. spokesman making following statement at noon press briefing
August 21:

a. QTE Neither US nor USSR has in past been an important supplier of arms to Nigeria. Consistent with that fact, United States decided for its part on outbreak of current tragic hostilities that it would not sell or otherwise furnish arms and ammunition to either side. To have done so would have risked deepening conflict and introducing element of great power competition in internal affairs of friendly state during its period of deep travail.

b. United States has fully adhered to foregoing policy. Its position of refusal to furnish arms has been publicly stated on number occasions and is well known to Soviet Union.

c. In these circumstances, it is matter of regret to United States that Soviet Union has not shown same forbearance, but on contrary has

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decided to engage in supply of arms to this internal African conflict. While we do not know reasons that prompted Soviet Union to take this decision or functions of Soviet personnel ~~xxxx~~ reported to have arrived in Nigeria, we believe that all nations have heavy responsibility to avoid any exploitation of this tragic situation for ideological or other ~~xxxx~~ political purposes.

d. It remains strong hope of Government of United States that present destructive internal conflict in Nigeria will quickly yield to peaceful settlement and that all who wish that great country well will devote their energies to ~~xxx~~ that worthy end. UNQTE

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DATE: 21 August 1967

SUBJECT: Biafran Students Appeal to United States

REF :

Three Biafran students called at the Consular Section of the Mission recently to present a letter to President Johnson and a bulletin from the Biafran Ministry of Information, Enugu (see enclosures). The letter requests President Johnson to appeal to the British Government to cease its military support of the Nigerian Government.

The callers said they represented some sixty Biafrans in Berlin who felt that in the absence of a Biafran diplomatic mission, they should make known the Biafran position. They said they chose to appeal to Great Britain through President Johnson "as the most important world leader and head of a nation genuinely dedicated to the cause of freedom and democracy."

They acknowledged their debt to their previous "colonial masters," but noted that they considered the "civilized" British more dangerous than the diplomatically inept Russians. With regard to the USSR's recent cultural agreement with Nigeria, they said a Biafran student in Moscow had reported that the Nigerian delegation was seen off at the airport by an official of the Soviet Defense, not Cultural, Ministry. In this connection, they warned that Berlin might be flooded by Biafran students from Moscow.

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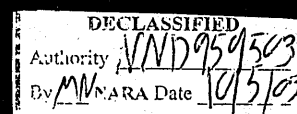
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1. At noon briefing Aug 21 Dept spokesman issued following statement:

A. Neither the US nor the USSR has in the past been an important supplier of arms to Nigeria. Consistent with that fact, the US decided for its part on the outbreak of the current hostilities in Nigeria that it would not ~~sell~~ sell or otherwise supply arms and ammunition to either side. To have done so would have risked deepening the conflict and introducing an element of great power competition in the internal affairs of a friendly state.

B. The US has adhered fully to that policy. Its refusal to supply arms has been stated publicly and is well known to the Soviet Union.

C. In these circumstances, it is a matter of ~~great~~ regret to the US that the Soviet Union has not shown the same forbearance, but on the contrary has decided to engage in the supply of arms in this internal conflict. While we do not know the reasons that prompted the Soviet

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D. It remains the hope of the USG that the present destructive internal conflict in Nigeria will yield to a peaceful settlement and that all who wish that country well will devote their energies to that end.

2. Ensuing ~~xx~~ questions and answers follow septel.

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